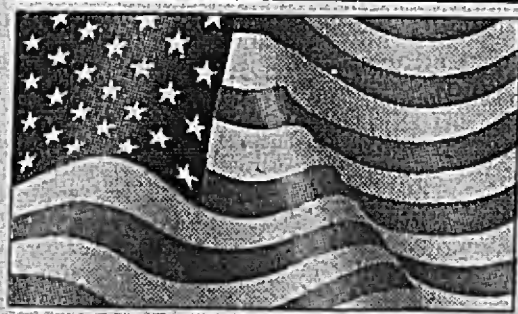


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Eighth graders at Millburn School, including that of Madeeha Khan, have art on exhibit at the Caribou Coffee shop in Gurnee. The students' art, titled "Dinner Party", will be on display through the month of December.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

Seniors eligible for discount drugs

By JULIE MURPHY
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Applications are now available to seniors who are at least 65 years old, those with disabilities, and who wish to join Illinois' new Prescription Drug Discount Club.

Rep. JoAnn Osmond (R-Antioch) said legislation creating this program was signed into law last summer, and is available to all seniors who meet the minimum age requirement as well as the disabled, regardless of income. Effective Jan. 1, 2004, the new program will offer participants savings of 20-30 percent on prescription drugs.

"I think seniors should apply for it even if they don't need it right now," Osmond said. "The enrollment fee is only \$25 for 12 months; savings could be substantial."

Those who take part in the Circuit Breaker Program will be automatically enrolled and the fee will be waived.

Under the program, the

amount paid by an enrollee to a pharmacy may not exceed prices established and in conformance with rebate agreements, plus a \$3.50 dispensing fee, for name-brand drugs and newly released generic drug products (per prescription). Generic drugs will cost \$4.25 per prescription.

Osmond said, "This is a really great program. Once enrolled, no further paperwork is required. There is no annual cap, and prescriptions can be filled either through a pharmacy or by mail order (when applicable)."

She added that the program is for individuals and not families, and that there are no income restrictions. The program applies to all drugs that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

"Individuals need to enroll separately," Osmond said. "For couples where one member is already 65 years old and the other is not, the one will be able to enroll. When the other turns 65, he or she will be

able to enroll as well."

Stress was placed on the fact that individuals must apply separately and that a spouse will not be automatically enrolled into the club as this is not a family plan.

Applications for the Prescription Drug Discount Club can be downloaded from the Internet off of two web sites: www.state.il.us/aging or www.savr.com. For those without Internet access, a toll-free number has been established: 888-215-3462.

Additionally, seniors can contact the Illinois Department on Aging by calling 800-252-8966, or by email at ilsenior@aging.state.il.us.

Osmond said she expects applications will take 30 days to process.

"We are proud to be the first state to establish such a program, and will continue to examine ways to make prescription drugs even more affordable for our seniors and disabled in the months ahead," she said.

Cops nab man for forgery

Caution urged in accepting non-Antioch checks

By JULIE MURPHY
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An Auto Zone clerk alerted police of a suspicious check that led to the arrest of Levi Heard, 41, of Chicago, on Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.

Heard, who was charged with felony theft, forgery and obstructing police after giving three false names and social security numbers over the course of a six-hour investigation, also has an outstanding warrant in Cook County for forgery and was wanted by the Fugitive Apprehension Unit of Cook County for failing to comply with house arrest.

Detective Sgt. Craig Somerville said, "Heard has an extensive criminal history that includes forgery, fraudulent acts and theft. He's been in prison three times."

Somerville said the clerk became suspicious when a check Heard had presented for the purchase of about \$340 of merchandise, including a battery and a starter, appeared to be altered. The Antioch Police Department thoroughly examined the check and found that there was an alteration of both the account number and the account holder name.

"He presented a carbon of a traffic citation as his identification," Somerville said. "The carbon had also been altered to show the same information as the checks."

The checks were reportedly stolen from Berwyn, Ill.

Somerville said that three times during the investigation, Heard had given false information about his identity. "Discrepancies would come up, and we knew he had given us bad information," Somerville said. "We kept working through it until we found the truth."

Over the course of the investigation, Somerville said that Heard had admitted to targeting small towns like Antioch based on the belief that nice

people don't ask a lot of questions.

"The clerk followed his gut feeling and called police, and we commend him for that," he said. "Several times a year we have cases like this, but there are more during the holiday season. It's easier for these people to blend in and distract the clerks, as all the stores are busier."

Somerville cautioned merchants to be weary of checks that are not from the area.

"To determine if a check may have been altered, look for anything that appears to be smeared or erased or folded in an important

place like over a routing number," he said. "And know that, as a merchant, you have the right to refuse any check."

Tips for ensuring that a check is good include scrutinizing both the identification presented and the check itself against the user's signature and visual appearance. If there is

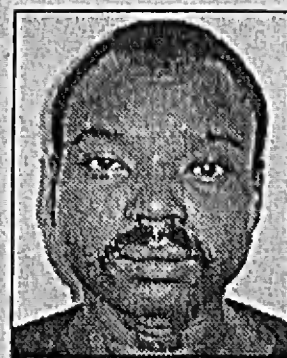
any question, Somerville said it is acceptable to make photocopies of the identification and to call the issuing bank of the check.

"Basically, you want to make sure the check is something that you want to accept," he said. "It's okay to ask questions, especially if the check is being written for several hundred dollars."

Chief Chuck Fagan added that it is important to accept only certified identification, such as a driver's license or a state identification card as the primary source of identification. Other forms of photo identification, such as library cards, should only be used as secondary form of identification.

Somerville said, "A copy of a citation is insufficient as identification because it is too easily altered."

According to Somerville, investigation is ongoing throughout Lake County on other subjects who are believed to be using the same scam as Heard.



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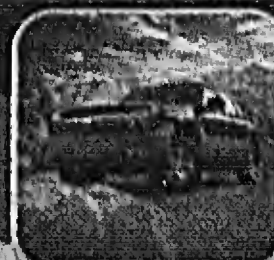
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Follow snowplowing rules

Snow won't stay away forever, and when it comes, it's best to help out the crews who clear it by not hindering their progress.

No parking is allowed on any street within the village of Antioch after one inch of snow accumulates until it has been removed. It is also impermissible to plow, snow blow or shovel snow onto village streets.

The public works department asks that residents wait until crews have had an opportunity to push the shoulders back

before clearing driveways.

One pass is made with the plows on cul-de-sac until the storm has ended. Crews will come back and finish the clean up at that time.

Mailboxes that sit closer to the curb than U.S. Postal guidelines run the risk of being inadvertently knocked over.

Questions and concerns should be addressed to the public works department at 847-395-1881.

Performance brings Biblical characters to life

First National Bank-Employee Owned (FNBO) will be holding a Casual Because We Care Day to benefit the Antioch Jaycees' Christmas Wishes Program.

On Dec. 12, employees will don their casual wear in exchange for a minimum \$2 donation that will go to the Antioch Jaycees Christmas Wishes Program.

"It has become a custom that we hold a casual day for Christmas wishes every December," said Karen Kubin, marketing representative for FNBO. "They provide gifts for area children in need; it's just one of the great things Antioch civic organizations do for the holidays."

The Christmas Wishes Program provides Antioch area children in need with gifts for the holidays.

Community members are invited to participate. A sign up book with a list of names is located in the FNBO lobby. Members of the Jaycees will deliver the gifts after all donations have been made to the bank.

The Casual Because We Care Program has been running since 1995 and has benefited a number of individuals and organizations. For more information on program, the Jaycees Christmas Wishes Program or FNBO, contact Kubin at 847-395-3111.

Fundraiser held for Jaycees' Christmas wishes

Through the ministry of drama and music, Ken Lee will bring the Bible to life as he portrays different Biblical characters in "The Shoemaker" at the Christian Life Fellowship Church on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

"This is a one-person show," said Rev. Jeff Brussaly. "Ken Lee has been coming here and doing this for us for 10-15 years."

The performance will take place as part of the 10 a.m. service. The public is invited to attend.

Brussaly said there is no cost and that advance registration is not required. Childcare will be provided.

A free will offering will be taken for Lee's ministry.

Lee, who holds master's degrees in theater and theater arts in teaching, has been traveling as a full-time drama evangelist since 1980. His work has been seen in churches in 40 states. Additionally, he has produced four vocal albums, two original videos and has published drama scripts.

Christian Life Fellowship is located on Grass Lake Road east of Route 83.

For more information, call the church at 847-395-8572.



Wreath weaving

Meredith Schneller, vice-president of the Antioch Garden Club, attaches a bow to large holiday wreath. In an annual tradition, the Garden Club decorates several buildings in the Antioch area with wreaths and swags. This year the club purchased all its greenery from local Boy Scouts, so the project benefited that organization and brought holiday cheer to the village.— Photo by J.W. Sternickie

Chamber announces new board members

By JULIE MURPHY
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Beginning in January, the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry will have three new board members.

Kevin Schouder of Raymond Chevrolet, Jeremy Childers of Angie's Italian Market and Michelle Michel of Something Sweet were elected to fill the spots being vacated. Members whose terms are to expire at the first of the year are current president Karen Dunham, of the First National Bank-Employee Owned; Bill Ahlers, business manager of Antioch Community High School; and Curt Miller of Keller Williams Real Estate.

Executive Director Barbara Porch said about one-third of all chambers voted in this election. "Over 33 percent responded, and that's very good," she said.

Each year, three new directors are elected to a three-year term of office. The board is made up of nine directors. Porch said that before board nominees' names are placed on the ballot, the nominees are called and asked if they will accept their nomination.

This year's ballot had five nomi-

nees, including Helen Anderson of Village Stitchery and Bob Ulmer of the Waukegan News Sun, in addition to the three elected.

"We're really going to miss this (outgoing) group," Porch said. "Karen Dunham has been on the board for many, many years and we hate to lose her experience."

Schouder, Childers and Michel will be expected to chair one committee and serve on a second. An election for new officers will take place at the chamber's first 2004 meeting Jan. 13. The installation dinner will take place Jan. 16 at Twin Oaks in Wilmet, Wis.

"We usually have the installation dinner at Twin Oaks," Porch said. "It's a fun evening and there's not a lot of business done. It's more social."

She said that for the first time the entertainment will be a comedienne, Sonya White. "She travels nationally," Porch said. "This is the first time we're having a woman, a comedienne."

Porch, who has served on the board for about a decade, first as board member and then as executive director, said the chamber office runs very efficiently, and phone calls for various things are done by the office and not by the individual directors.



Tour of duty

Antioch VFW 4551 Member Walt Bushie shows items used in wars to W.C. Petty School students Kenneth Wooten, 10, Nathan Walpole, 11 and Christopher Shea, 11, during the students' tour of the VFW hall's museum.— Photo by Lynn Gunnarson Dahlstrom

Kids can sign up to find Frosty

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For the fifth year, the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry is conducting a "Find Frosty" contest. Families, or individuals, can pick up an entry form between now and Dec. 21, and then spend the day counting the snowmen in the windows of all of the participating stores beginning the first week in December.

The one lucky child who comes closest to finding all of the snowmen will win \$100 in Chamber gift certificates. Those who find the "Special Frosty" with a large red A on its chest can win a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts by writing the name of the store window where it was spotted.

"This is a wonderful time for families to enjoy spending time together and the ambiance of the downtown area during the holidays," said Barbara Porch, executive director of the chamber.

Some of the snowmen in the windows are obvious, and others are cleverly hidden. It will take keen eyes to catch all of the wintry characters.

"The merchants make it fun. Some will only have one snowman in the window and others will make it challenge by having a lot of snowmen and making some of them well hidden," Porch said.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber, at participating merchants and in the coloring books distributed at Santa's Castle.

"It's great to see families out

together with their pieces of paper counting all of the snowmen in the windows," said Porch. "Sometimes different family members come up with a different count."

The one entry finding the correct number of Frosties for each merchant will be the winner. If more than one entry qualifies, a lottery system will be used to determine the winner.

"We've never had someone be 100 percent accurate in the count, so we don't anticipate a tie," Porch said.

The winner will be announced on Dec. 30. Entries should be dropped off at the Chamber office located at 882 Main St. by Dec. 22. Porch said, "Our foyer is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week so it won't be difficult to get the form into us."

Smith named employee of the year

By JULIE MURPHY
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Bill Smith, superintendent of public works, was named employee of the year by Mayor Taso Maravelas during a presentation at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the village of Antioch.

Maravelas said this was something that had not been done before, but given the Smith's dedication to the village and its resi-

dents that it was time.

"Bill Smith makes it all right," he said.

Maravelas praised Smith for his tireless efforts, working any day of the week and any time of the day to serve the community.

"Two months ago, on a Sunday, he was doing road work on (Route) 173 so it wouldn't inconvenience business. Last winter, when it is -30 or -40 degrees outside, at 2 a.m., he was working on a burst water line

by the high school."

Trustee Larry Hanson, who oversees the public works committee, added, "I always see him in action. He always has a handle on it."

Trustee Barbara Porch, who also executive director of the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said it's nice to hear someone answer the phone with "what do you need, and how can I help" and mean it.



Tree lighting

Members of the Lake Villa First United Methodist Church sing Christmas carols during tree lighting festivities held at Lehmann Park and the Lake Villa Metra Station.— Photo by J.W. Sternickie

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Festival Arts entertains our town with 'Messiah'

The Antioch Community Chorus promises to bring "good tidings of great joy" when it presents "The Messiah" by G. F. Handel at the sanctuary of St. Peter Catholic Church located at 557 Lake St. in Antioch on Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

"This performance sets the pace of Christmas for me," said Mabel Lou Weber previously. She is on the Festival Arts of Antioch committee that sponsors the chorus.

Kris Bolin, of Antioch, is replacing long time director Ralph Brooke for this year's presentation. Soloists include soprano Jennifer Layman of Waukegan, alto Cynthia Mace of Lake Forest, tenor Brent Billock of Chicago, and bass Peter Swenson of Chicago. Pianist Chris Kuser of Grayslake, and the Tim Montalvo string ensemble will



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accompany the chorus.

As with all performances of the Antioch Community Choir, admission is free and open to anyone. Those needing more information should call 847-395-1333.

Festival Arts of Antioch has presented cultural and entertaining performances to the community for many years. In addition to the help it offers the Antioch Community Chorus, it also helps to support the Lakes Area Community Band, Area businesses and individuals, in turn, support Festival Arts.

Weber noted that despite some of the performances taking place in a church, Festival Arts has no religious affiliation.

Those wishing to spread holiday cheer by making a donation to Festival Arts, a not-for-profit enterprise, so it can continue its work may do so by sending donations to Festival Arts of Antioch, Inc., 601 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL 60002.

Donations of \$100 or more earn a listing as sponsor. Patrons are those who donate \$25-99. All donations are welcomed and listed.

For more information about Festival Arts of Antioch, contact Weber at 847-265-3152.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorfie@ix.netcom.com

SCHOOL DIGEST

'Shop and Shares' support AMPS

Two "Shop and Shares" will take place at the Antioch Jewel to support AMPS (ACHS Music and Performance Sponsors). The dates will be Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 29-31.

For information on how to get a coupon to participate (no more difficult than any regular shopping trip), call Sue Latino at 847-838-7785.

Historical society offers scholarships

The Lakes Region Historical Society is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to those who are interested in pursuing history or museum-related fields at the college level.

Information packets are available at the School House Museum, the high school guidance office or by calling scholarship chair Regina Reynolds at 847-838-0564.

Applicants will be required to complete a 20-hour service project through the historical society. Those eligible for the scholarship include high school seniors, current college students, individuals going back to school and graduate level students.

The money can be used for either books or tuition.

2004 high school board meetings scheduled.

Regular meetings for the remainder of the school year (2004) are as follows: Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; March 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; April 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; May 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; June 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; June 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office.

Meetings are always held on Thursday evenings and rotate between the library of Antioch Community High School (ACHS) and the district office located in the Antioch-Lake Villa Township Center on Deep Lake Road, just north of Grass Lake Road, in Lake Villa.

ACHS graduate named exemplary science teacher of 2003

Jill Fischer Carter, 1971 graduate of Antioch Community High School and daughter of Lennard and Betty Fischer, was named the Illinois Science Teachers Association (ISTA)/Exxon Mobil Exemplary Science Teacher of 2003.

A teacher at Pekin Community High School, Carter was presented the award at the ISTA annual convention in Peoria.

The award is presented to a teacher who has demonstrated exemplary science teaching practices that result in improved achievement and enhanced learning environments.

Yearbook staff seeks pictures

Emmons School yearbook staff welcomes submitted pictures from parents, grandparents, friends or siblings that show Emmons students and that would be appropriate for the yearbook.

The staff asks that pictures be clear and not blurry. Pictures will not be returned so do not send anything that will be missed or for which there is not a duplicate.

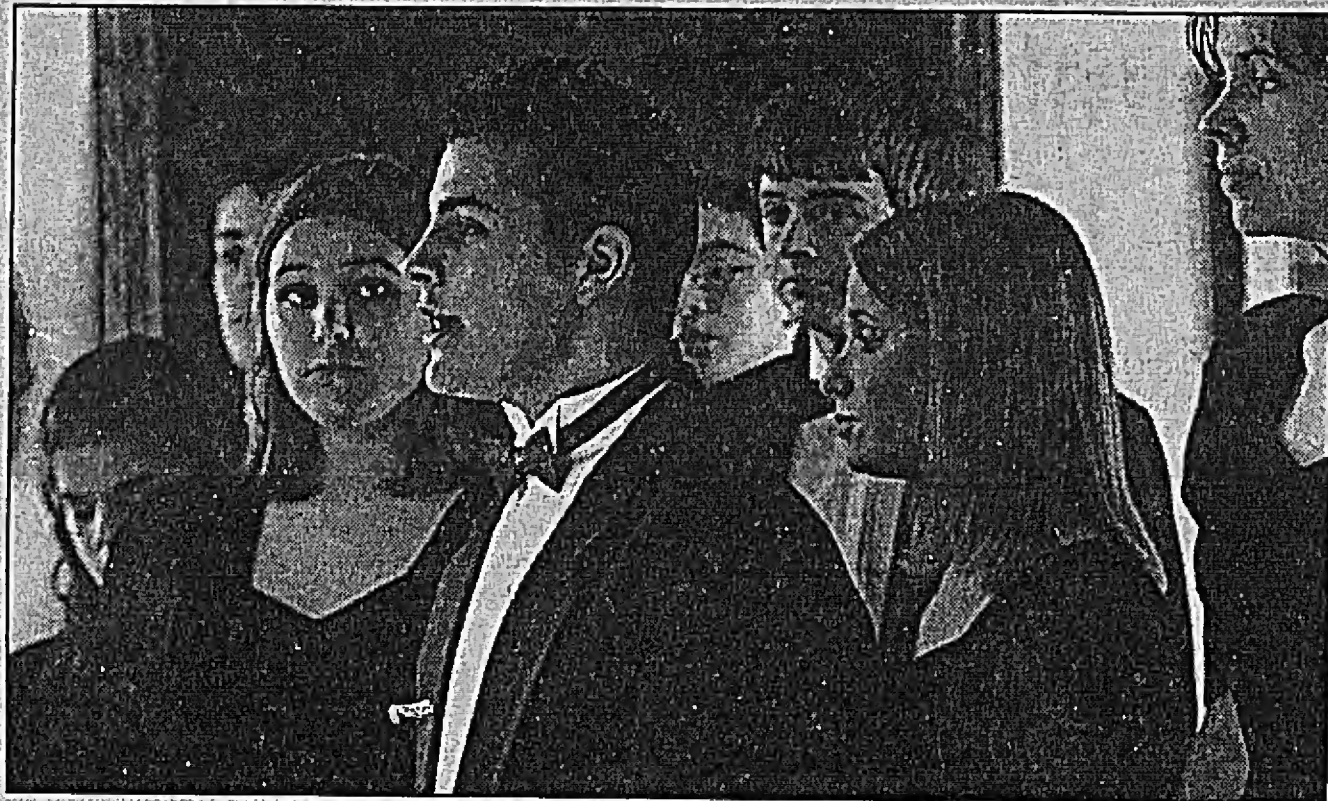
Pictures should be sent to the school via students or regular mail to: Yearbook Pictures, Emmons School, 24226 W. Beach Grove Road, Antioch, IL 60002.

Early childhood screening

Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 offers early childhood developmental screening.

Parents with concerns should consider this. Developmental screening is a brief series of activities and observations designed to identify children who may have a potential problem that requires further assessment.

Screening is available to children between the ages of 3-5 years old and who have not yet entered kindergarten within District 34. To schedule an appointment, call the special education office at 847-838-8422.



One voice

Antioch Community High School sophomore Tim Berbeke performs a solo with the school's Madrigal choir at the Harbour Club in Antioch during a luncheon for the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

High School wins project of the year award

By JULIE MURPHY
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Officials of Community High School District 117 were awarded the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) 2003 Project of the Year Award for the Antioch campus's landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) project.

In a letter addressed to Bill Ahlers, the district's business manager, Scott Allen, AEE chapter president, said, "This award recognizes an innovative energy management project implemented that showcases energy efficiency or innovative energy management concepts."

The system reportedly uses the gas in the most efficient way, as the heat generated by the creation of the electricity is used by the school and the electricity itself is sold off to Commonwealth Edison.

In making the announcement about the

award, Superintendent Dennis Hockney said, "This has really been all Bill Ahlers. He did all the leg work, and really made this project a reality."

After several holdups, the district was able to flip the switch and start operating the small generation plant with 12 turbines about mid-October, six months after it was initially scheduled to begin operation. Though not completed on schedule, the project was completed within budget.

Hockney and Ahlers were invited to speak at the Great Lakes Regional Pollution Prevention Round Table and were encouraged to apply for the 2003 Illinois Governor's Pollution Prevention Award.

"This is a project where everybody wins," Hockney said. "Clearly, a project that utilizes methane that is otherwise just being burned off benefits the community and the environment as well as the high school."

Tips to avoid the holiday spending blues

Despite the fact that the country is at war and the unemployment rate hovers near six percent, the holiday season is approaching and people are spending.

According to the National Retail Federation, consumers are expected to spend more this holiday season than they have the past four years. And according to a recent study the federation conducted, the average consumer plans to spend \$671.89 this holiday, up 3.5 percent from 2002.

While the holidays can be a magical time of the year filled with celebration and the joy of giving, it can also be a time of financial drain.

The American Express Financial Advisors offer the following seven tips to keep holiday spending in check:

Set a holiday budget. This is the single most important step to follow. Determine ahead of time how much you can afford and then allocate that amount for gifts, travel and entertainment before you shop.

Create a gift list and stick to it. Consider giving homemade gifts or cost-free alternatives such as babysitting or pet care services.

Start early and bargain shop, but allow

enough time to find good deals on merchandise. According to the National Retail Federation survey, 39 percent of consumers said they base their decision to shop at certain retailers on sales or price discounts.

Consider buying gifts online to help resist shopping temptations. Surfing the Web to compare prices at multiple retailers can save time and money.

Conduct tax planning before the year's end. There is little people can do after Dec. 31 to reduce their tax burden for the current year. While it may seem simple to manipulate an income by deferring a bonus to the following year or pre-paying local taxes, be aware of the side effects such actions will have.

Try to start the New Year by budgeting and saving for the next holiday season. Being organized and creating a budget can help you avoid overspending. Also, keep money aside so you don't get caught in a last-minute savings crunch.

And last but not least, ask a financial advisor to help you create a budget that will integrate holiday spending, savings and tax planning into your personal financial situation.



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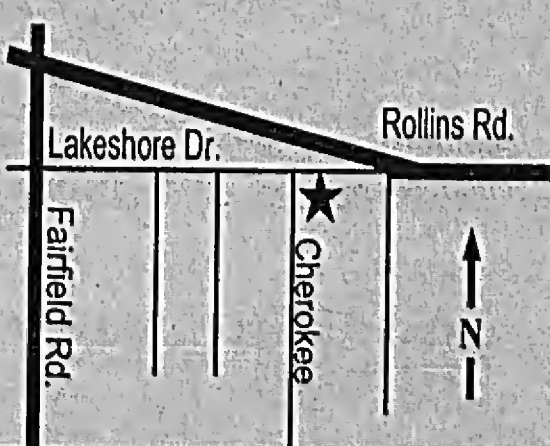
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Jerald L. Douglas, 51, of 41147 N. Prairie Ave., was arrested for DUI on Dec. 5 at 1:57 a.m. on Route 59 south of Route 173.

He was stopped for driving down the center of the median with all four tires over the double yellow line. He then veered right into the proper lane and then left again several times before stopping after the officer activated the siren.

Douglas reportedly would not give police his driver's license or proof of insurance, but kept saying that he was almost home. The officer detected the strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath.

Douglas refused field sobriety testing and was arrested. He was issued citations for DUI, four counts of improper lane usage and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

Douglas refused chemical testing and was released on personal recognizance pending his Jan. 6 court date.

Christopher A. Fries, 21, of 421 Orchard, was arrested for DUI on Dec. 6 at 2:57 a.m. at the intersection of Orchard and Toft.

He was seen backing out of a private driveway at a high rate of speed and continuing without his headlights. Police also observed him disobey a stop sign and cross the yellow centerline.

The officer detected the strong odor of alcoholic beverage on Fries' breath. He failed all field sobriety tests requested of him.

He was arrested and issued a citation for DUI. He agreed to a Breathalyzer test that came back with .172 blood alcohol concentration.

Fries was issued additional citations for driving without lights when required, disobeying a stop sign, improper lane usage and DUI over .08.

He was released on personal recognizance pending his Jan. 6 court date.

Unwanted subject/warrant

Julia G. Nolan, 40, of 328 W. Depot was arrested on warrant on Dec. 7 at 12:05 a.m. at the Depot address.

An officer was dispatched for an unwanted subject. The complainant said Nolan had been living and there, had become a problem and was no longer welcome.

Nolan was located and her identifiers checked through LEADS and the Lake County Sheriff's in-house computer. Information came back that she was wanted on two \$5,000 warrants (10 percent applies to both) for disorderly conduct and for DUI.

As Nolan could not raise bond, she was placed in a cell to await transport to the Lake County Jail.

Revoked driver's license

Rubin Collazo, 47, of 7748 243 Ave., Salem, Wis., was arrested for driving while revoked on Dec. 5 at 7:28 a.m. on Main Street near Harden.

Collazo was stopped for failing to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk.

He told police he did not have a driver's license and believed it was suspended. His identifiers were checked through LEADS with information coming back that his driver's license and been revoked.

Collazo was arrested and issued citations for failing to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk and for driving while revoked. He was released on personal recognizance pending his Dec. 31 court date.

No valid driver's license

Kristine E. Jasinski, 31, of 25837 W. Route 173, was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license on Dec. 2 at 10:04 a.m. on Route 173 west of Route 83.

Jasinski was stopped for failing to signal as she turned into a parking lot. She told police she believed she had electrical problems that caused her signal not to activate. She also said her Wisconsin driver's license was suspended and that she never had an Illinois license.

This information was confirmed through LEADS.

Jasinski was arrested and issued citations for failure to signal and driving without a valid driver's license. She was released on personal recognizance pending her Dec. 31 court date.

LAKE VILLA

Damage to property

On Dec. 5, at 5:54 p.m. and 6:19 p.m., respectively, two motorists reported damage to their vehicles after they passed over a pothole while heading eastbound on Route 132, near Cremin Drive. The hole, which measured one-and-a-half-by-two-and-a-half feet had been made by Nicor for unspecified repairs. The hole was filled with what police reported as "an unknown sand substance." Both vehicle owners reported severe damage to the tires and rims. An officer stayed at the location until it was repaired.

Theft from car

A resident of N. Lake Shore Drive in Lake Villa called police to report that sometime between midnight and 7:31 a.m. on Dec. 5, the passenger side window on his car was smashed and an in-dash SONY AM-FM radio/CD player was stolen from the car. The window is valued at about \$150, the radio/CD player at about \$100. A purse containing \$4 in quarters was also missing from the car.

Frosty iced

A resident of Southwind in Lake Villa reported to police that sometime between 6:15 a.m.-6:20 p.m., on Dec. 2, a plastic snowman was stolen from in front of the house. The case has gone cold, as there are no suspects.

LINDENHURST

Consumption of alcohol by a minor

Becky M. Richter, 19, of 1904 Cambridge Court, Palatine, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 7, at 2:25 a.m., while driving northbound on Beck road near Carmen Court. Police stopped the driver after noticing the plates on her car had expired in June. Detecting an odor of alcohol, police administered a preliminary breath test, which yielded a result of .070 BAC. She was charged with improper display of registration plates and consumption of alcohol by a minor. She was released on a \$75 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Police begin holiday DUI, safety belt crackdown

Lake Villa Police, along with over 780 law enforcement agencies statewide, are launching the final "Click-it-or-Ticket" enforcement period of the year, coinciding with a nationwide campaign called "You drink and drive, you lose."

Police will be taking a "zero tolerance" approach to safety belt violators and impaired drivers during the 4-week enforcement period which began on Dec. 8 and runs through the holidays, concluding on Jan. 4.

Lake Villa will have dedicated DUI patrols. DUI offenders will be taken off the road, arrested and locked up.

Motorists are warned that the average cost of a DUI arrest is \$11,500.

Although motor vehicle deaths have decreased in recent years, alcohol and drug impairment remain significant factors in 38 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes nationwide.

Research from the Centers of Disease Control shows most children under 14 who are killed in alcohol-related crashes are passengers riding with a drunk driver rather than in a vehicle hit by a drunk driver. The more alcohol consumed by the driver, the less likely it is the child will be in a safety restraint.

"If you drink, don't drive," said Lake Villa Police Chief Roger Visconti.

"Always buckle up your children and yourself every time you get in the car. Remember, the best defense you have against a drunk driver is your safety belt."

"It is not law enforcement's singular goal during this blitz to write hundreds of safety belt tickets and arrest DUI offenders, however, if that is what it takes to save a life, so be it," the chief said.



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Who's clues?

Merry Meant, played by Breanna MacDonald, discusses clues during "The North Pole Detectives: The Case of the Missing Toys." The play was performed by members of Cathy's Creative Kids Club at Oakland School.— Photo by J.W. Sternickie

Playful plot

Yule Tide, played by Cassie Liska, plots an evil scheme to steal toys during "The North Pole Detectives: The Case of the Missing Toys." The play was performed by members of Cathy's Creative Kids Club at Oakland School.— Photo by J.W. Sternickie



Speakers become regular part of library's adult program

Guest speakers are becoming a regular part of the Antioch Public Library's adult program, with the first two for 2004 already scheduled.

Michael Heffernan, of Polson's Natural Foods, will make the first presentation of the year on Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. The topic of discussion: "Know Your Therapeutic Herbs."

Jane Connors-Geddes, adult programs coordinator, said, "This is something we're going to be doing routinely. For the coming year, I hope to plan two speakers a month."

She said she chose Heffernan as the year's first speaker as many therapeutic herbs address things like relieving symp-

toms of the common cold.

Next in the line-up, Sharon Yiesla of the University of Illinois' extension office will discuss garden design on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

Connors-Geddes said that it's never too early to plan a beautiful garden for the spring growing season.

"She (Yiesla) is very into the native plants that grow naturally in our area," she said. "She'll be presenting a 'how to' on setting up a nice garden for the summer."

Registration is recommended for both programs, and can be done by calling the library at 847-395-0847 and asking for the reference department.

Come Worship With Us A Directory Of Antioch Area Churches



Graceland Baptist Church, 258 Ida St., Antioch, IL. Sunday School 11am, Morning Worship 11am, Sunday Evening 7pm. Robert Williams, Pastor.

First Church of Christ, Scientist & Reading Rm. Rte 173 and Harden, Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1196. Sunday School, Sunday Church Service 10:30am, Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, worshipping at Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Pastor Darald Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:30am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst. (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depot St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am, High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

Antioch Evangelical Free Church, 750 Highview Dr. Phone (847) 395-4117. Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00am, Sunday School for all ages, infant thru adult, 9:30am. Children's Church 11am. Awana, Youth, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Growth Groups, Seniors. Senior Pastor David M. Groleau.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm.

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am, Children's Church 10am, Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm, Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am, Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch. Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am, Sunday evening Service 6:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 1275 Main St., Phone (847) 395-1660. Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am, Sunday School 9:25am, Mon. Worship 7:00pm Pastors Gregory Hermanson & Aaron Christie. Christian Day School (847) 395-1664.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Service 10am. Children's Program 10am. Rev. Paul R. Meltzer, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Cui, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church and Sunday School. Adult Groups at 9:15 a.m. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 23201 W. Grass Lake Rd., Antioch, Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 8:15 and 11:00. Sunday School 9:45. Children's Church 11:00. Youth, Women's, Awana & Small Group ministries.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa. (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Christian Preschool. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Bartmer.

NorthBridge Church, A Contemporary Worship Experience. Meeting at Antioch Community High School, 1133 Main St., Antioch, (847) 838-9370, www.northbridgechurch.org. Service Sunday - 10:30am, Children's Classes (K-5) - 10:30 am. Mark Albrecht, Senior Pastor.

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LOCAL DIGEST

Bob's Marina adds Simplicity

Bob's Marina, located on Route 173, has added the Simplicity line of lawn and garden equipment to its store.

It will carry riding lawn mowers, lawn and garden tractors, chipper/shredders, tillers, leaf blowers, lawn vacuums and snowthrowers.

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Church announces annual holiday theatrical production

Every year the Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church out does itself putting together a special holiday theatrical production. This year, the church is putting on a musical, "Four Tickets to Christmas," that is said "to return to that era of grace and charm of the early 1900s."

The story address changing times versus the "old ways."

Shows will be held on Dec. 12-13 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 14 at both 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A special showing is being held on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. for Awana members and their families.

Individual tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children in advance or \$7 for adults and \$4 for children at the door. Family passes, including children under 18 years old, are available for \$15.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 847-838-0103. The church is located at 42 W. Grass Lake Road.

Screening can reduce risk of stroke

A good way to ring in the new year is to take 10 minutes to screen for and, therefore, reduce the risk of stroke.

Residents living in and around Antioch can register for an appointment for the tests when Life Line Screening comes to St. Peter Church on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2004.

Life Line reports that 75 percent of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage. It screens these arteries to determine stroke risk.

Anyone over the age of 40 years old is encouraged to participate. This program is open to the public.

Each of the three vascular tests is \$45.

Complete vascular screening is \$99.

Osteoporosis screening is \$35, separately or can be added to the vascular screening for a total cost of \$125.

Pre-registration is required. Early morning appointments are said to fill first.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 800-407-4557. St. Peter Church is located at 557 Lake Street, by the Jewel store.

Garden club hosts regular meetings through June

Antioch Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month, September through June at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 848 Main Street, Antioch.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call 847-395-1202.

VFW offers fish fry

Antioch VFW Post 4551 has started having a fish fry on Friday nights from 4-8 p.m.

In addition to cod, perch and shrimp the menu offers burgers and chicken strips. Dinners are served with French fries or a baked potato, in a limited quantity, and coleslaw bread and butter.

Cost varies from about \$3-8, depending on the fish or meat.

For more information, call 847-395-5393.

Community band seeks members

Lakes Area Community Band, a 40-member band comprised of musicians from Lake, McHenry & Kenosha counties, is currently seeking musicians high school age and older in all sections. Practices take place on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Antioch Community High School band room.

New members are welcome. No auditions are required. For more information, call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

Bingo held at VFW Hall

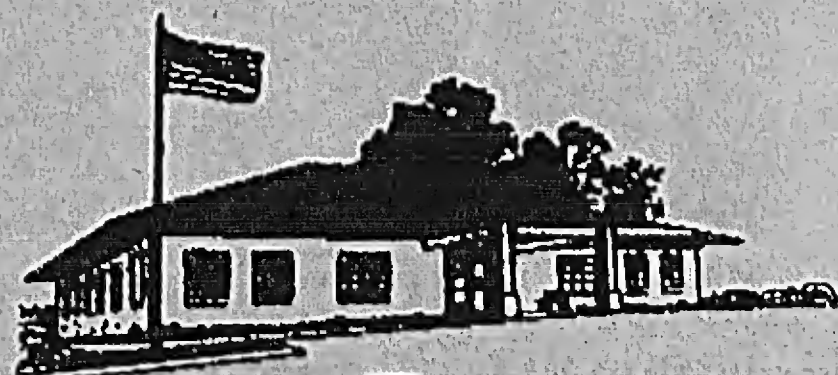
The Antioch VFW sponsors bingo every Tuesday night at the VFW Hall on North Ave. from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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Occupation: Librarian at Fremont Public Library

I graduated from: Northern Michigan University and University of Arizona

Community involvement: ESL tutor

What I like most about my town: It is small and there is no Starbucks, no mall, no Wal-Mart and no Target

Hobbies: Gardening, furniture refinishing and leave raking

Favorite movie: The Hours, I am a Virginia Wolf fan

Favorite home-cooked meal: Tabouli



Person I admire most: Nelson Mandela

If I had \$1 million, I would: Fund a scholarship for minorities in librarianships

If I had a plane ticket to anywhere, I'd go to: Madagascar

People who knew me as a kid would say: I

had bar hair, my mother did at home hair cuts

My pet peeve is: Littering

If I had one wish, it would be: Remove all weapons from the Earth

My dream job would be: A forest ranger in Glacier Bay National Park

Book I am currently reading: Easy Hour by Leslie Stella

Favorite book: Too many to choose from

If you have a "Neighbor" that you would like to see profiled in this column, call Lakeland Newspapers at 847-223-8161.

Calendar

GOT SOMETHING GOING ON? GIVE US A CALL!

Call 847-223-8161 or e-mail calendar@lakelandmedia.com
A 14-day notice is requested for all items.

Friday, December 12

7:30-8:30 a.m., The Business Networking Group meets at Centre Lights Cafe next to Condell in Libertyville, call Dan at 847-803-9904

7-9 p.m., Support group for divorced or separated people. Child care provided at no cost. Held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. To learn more about the group, call 847-356-6181

Saturday, December 13

5-8 p.m., Antioch Taco Bell is hosting a Benefit night. Taco Bell will donate proceeds of the night to help raise further funds for the A.C.H.S. Post Prom event. For further details, contact 847-395-3379

Sunday, December 14

1:30-4 p.m., The Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting held at the Warren-Newport Public Library. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. For info., call Carol at 847-234-0778 or Chris at 847-367-2536

Monday, December 15

12:45 p.m., Bingo held at The Antioch Senior Center, call 847-395-7120 for details

5:30 p.m., TOPS group meets in Lindenhurst at the Victory Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Services at 1050 Red Oak Lane on the first floor. Call Tina at 847-265-9364 to learn more

7-9 p.m., Young Onset Parkinson's Support Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 502 Valley Park Dr. in Libertyville. Call Marlene at 847-367-1679 or Jan at 847-395-5502

7:30 p.m., Regular meeting of the Antioch Village Board held at village hall, 874 Main St.

7:30 p.m., Antioch Coin Club meeting held at the Antioch Public Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Contact JoAnne at 847-395-4738 for questions

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal at ACHS, call 847-395-6729

Tuesday, December 16

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers (BTC) hosts a dance and exercise class downstairs at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. (behind the fire station). For more info., call Karen at 847-395-6244

6:45 p.m., Antioch VFW Bingo, doors open 4:30 p.m., call 847-395-5393

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rte. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 356-6181 for info.

7:30 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Model A Ford Club meets at Lake Villa City Park, Fairfield and Grand Ave., in the lower level. Everyone is welcome

Wednesday, December 17

6:30 p.m., TOPS Weight Loss weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, info. at 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143

7-8:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis offers free support groups in Lake County for women who are victims of abuse. Meetings in Round Lake, call 847-249-4450

7 p.m., Village of Antioch Park Board meets at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 395-1000

7 p.m., Burlington Genealogical Society meets at the Public Library, corner of Pine and Jefferson St. Call Marion at 414-763-6981 or Merilyn at 414-728-2225

7:30 p.m., The Northern Illinois Chapter of ABATE invites all on road and off road motorcycle riders in and around Lake and McHenry Counties to its monthly meeting held every third Wed. of the month at the Round Lake American Legion, Post 1170. Call, 847-223-9385 or visit online at www.abate-il.org/norther

7:30 p.m., The Republican Club meets at Antioch Twp. Hall, 847-395-1670

4-6 p.m., The Lake County Health Department will be at the Antioch VFW Post #4451, 75 North Ave. Immunizations of all types are avail. at a low cost. For more info., call the Health Dept. at 847-360-6761

Thursday, December 18

7:15 a.m., Business Network International (BNI) meets at the Hillside Restaurant in Grayslake. Call Craig Henderson at 847-840-6464

10 a.m., The Lake County Spinner's Guild meets locally. Learn about the ancient art of fiber spinning. Meets the third Thurs. of each month. For location and details, call Chris at 847-367-2536

12-2 p.m., Advocates for FMS (Fibromyalgia) support group now meets in the Community Building at 884 Main St. in Antioch. For more information call Kathy at 847-395-3716

Friday, December 19

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets at the Hampton Inn in Gurnee. For info., call 847-249-3800

7:30-10:30 p.m., Lake County Astronomical Society meets at Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting is followed by a viewing period starting at 9:30 p.m. For info., call 847-362-0959

Saturday, December 20

1 p.m., The Lake County Doll Collectors meet at the Milbryn Congregation Church on Hwy 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call 847-623-2072

Sat. 2 and 7 p.m., Sun. at 3 p.m., "The Nutcracker" performed by The Illinois Youth Dance Theatre. Held at Crystal Lake South High School in Crystal Lake. Tickets are now available by calling 815-675-9259. Visit the website at www.dancepasg.com. Adults \$15, seniors and children under 12 \$10

Sunday, December 21

7 p.m., Christmas Family Night at Linden-Villa Baptist Church, 38869 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa. This is a free event for the whole family. For further details, call 847-356-1031

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Squad praised

We are extremely fortunate to have the services of the Antioch Rescue Squad. They answer hundreds of emergency calls every year and we tend to take them for granted. However, we recently had the necessity of experiencing first-hand the expertise and caring of these dedicated individuals.

About three o'clock one morning, I thought I was having a heart attack and was unable to get out of bed. I told my wife, Valerie, to call the Rescue Squad. Within minutes they arrived and started tending to me. Because of the excitement, Valerie, who has severe C.O.P.D. and is on oxygen 24 hours a day, suffered an anxiety and asthma attack, making it difficult to breathe. The squad members took one look at her and immediately called for a second ambulance to take her to the hospital emergency room also.

The squad members calmly took control of the situation and displayed their lifesaving skills, compassion and care. God bless the Antioch Rescue Squad.

Joe and Valerie Hunley
Antioch

High school remains overcrowded

Over the last few months, there has been a lot of controversy over the attendance of Lakes Community High School. After two public meetings and testimonials from Antioch and Lake Villa Township residents, the high school board decided to split the schools by zip codes. Students in the 60046 and 60083 zip codes would attend the new campus while students in the 60002 zip code would attend the existing campus.

I am concerned about the conditions, environment, extra curricular activities and education that the students at Antioch Community High School are going to be subjected to in the fall of 2004.

Lakes Community High School was built to alleviate the overcrowding at the existing campus. Enhanced student performance in smaller schools and additional extra curricular activities were the items used by the board to

justify a (second) four-year campus.

It seems now that the board has abandoned these values. The board is going to propose an attendance policy that will place only the freshman and sophomores in the 60046 and 60083 zip codes at the Lakes Community High School in the fall of 2004.

The result of this policy will directly affect the students at Antioch Community High School. They will be unnecessarily subjected to an overcrowded school, their academic performance will be inhibited and their opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities will be limited. The students are also going to be inconvenienced by major renovations at the school.

One of the school board's objectives is to create a school climate that encourages attendance and enhances student achievement. This proposed policy achieves the opposite. A code of ethics that the school board members must adhere to is they shall represent all school district constituents honestly and equally. It's apparent to me that the parents and students that attend Antioch Community High School are given little consideration.

What is in the best interest of this district is to have freshman, sophomore and juniors in the 60046 and 60083 zip codes attend Lakes Community High School in the fall of 2004. This would alleviate the overcrowding at the present campus, enhance student performance at both schools and allow for more students to participate in extra curricular activities. In 2005, Lakes Community High School would have an entire complement of four classes. This would enable them to participate in varsity sports.

Knowing that a few board members have children that are going to be upperclassmen in 2004, it's time that they place the priorities of the district ahead of their children's social lives.

I urge that all concerned citizens attend the Dec. 11 board meeting that will be held at the Antioch Community High School library at 6:30 p.m. Ask Vicki Axton, Joyce Heneberry, Phil Delany and Wayne Sobczak how they could justify subjecting 1,900 students to an overcrowded school.

Dave Dziki
District 117 board member



Antler boy

Two-year-old Joseph Butler, along with his mom Sonya, enjoys the balloon reindeer antlers made by Bubbles the Clown during a holiday party at the Antioch VFW Hall. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

BIRTHS

Hunter Feral Johnson, a son, was born Nov. 14 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Eric and Suzanne Johnson of Antioch. His brother is Chase, age 1. His sister is Alexis, age 2. Grandparents are Dora Mendivil of Tamarac, Fla., and Roswitha Rosenberg of Tamarac, Fla.

Benjamin Thomas Wade, a son, was born Nov. 20 at Condell Medical Center to Elizabeth and Joe Wade of Antioch. His brother is Joey, age 18 months. Grandparents are Tom and Lynn Hanna of Palatine and Pam and Joe Wade of Palatine. Great-grandparent is Frances Mill of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Gabriel Walter Gibson, a son, was born Nov. 21 at Condell Medical Center to Amanda Lang and Adam Gibson of Antioch. Grandparents are Russell Lang of Antioch and George and Jeannie Gibson of Antioch. Great-grandparent is Laurelle Lang of Bristol, Wis.

Getting moving in January

It's not too early to start making plans for January, and the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department is adding several new programs for a year of fun and fitness.

"We're offering many new and exciting programs at and through The Jungle Gym II, located in Antioch," said Laurie Stahl, parks director. "Among the classes are Iceless Hockey, Sports Conditioning, Hatha Yoga and Basketball."

Several of the classes are geared toward children, with Hatha yoga being specifically designated for adults.

This class will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 6 through Feb. 23. It is said to be more than just an exercise, but a holistic experience to rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit with the focus being on alignment and breathing techniques that promote concentration, relaxation and flexibility.

Iceless hockey is offered to children between the ages of 5-12 years old on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. The class begins on Jan. 6 and runs through Feb. 26, and offers fun without the pressure of having to win games.

Sticks and pucks will be provided, but participants must supply their own goggles.

Junior basketball will immediately follow iceless hockey from 7-8 p.m. on the same dates, and for the same age group of children. Clean gym shoes must be worn.

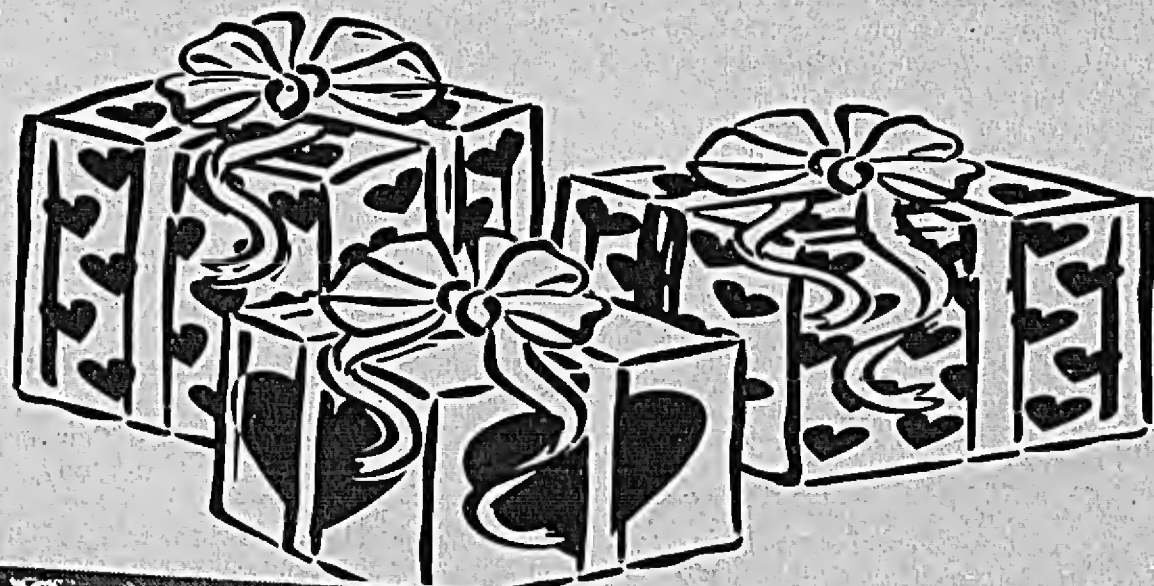
The Rhino Club is a sports conditioning class for those between the ages of 9-18 years old. Weight training, stretching, plyometrics, agility training and speed drills are combined to provide a workout to enhance all sports.

The class runs on Mondays and Fridays from Jan. 5 through Feb. 27 from 6-7 p.m. No special equipment is required.

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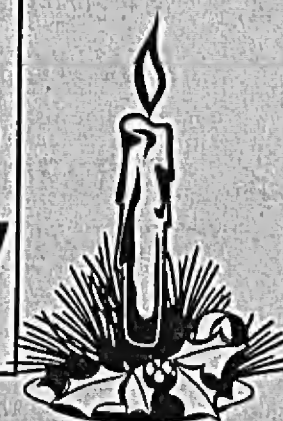
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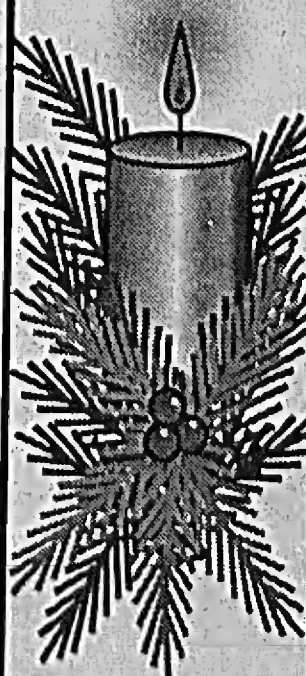
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LAST CALL

Steve Peterson

Mediocrity abound in bowls

Ok football fans, be proud to admit it, even relish in it. In addition to great runs by Carmel to the Class 6A title and Libertyville to Class 7A's runner-up status, you got caught up on the Northern Illinois bandwagon.

You maybe even got out the old red and black and headed to a game or two in the 10-2 season, with a No. 29 national ranking. After all, the Huskies, were, for one glorious week, in the top-15 in college football.

But when the bowl season begins in earnest Dec. 26 at the Motor City Bowl in Detroit, some .500 team from Northwestern will be playing. Yes, a .500 team from Evanston won its last game of the regular season over an Illinois team that Libertyville or Carmel could have easily handled.

With the BCS in place, which has been given a different moniker these days in DeKalb that can't be printed here, despite NIU wins over Maryland, Iowa State and Alabama, losses to Bowling Green (NU's opponent) and Toledo were painful reminders that Midwest-based MAC teams almost have, repeat HAVE, to win their division to even be considered for a bowl.

"The problem with the system now is so many bowl slots are taken decided in August before anyone plays," said NIU coach Joe Novak after a 38-14 season-ending win over Eastern Michigan.

The Huskies and North Chicago product Michael Turner, who rose to the top 15 in all-time leading NCAA rushers, had to settle for 10 all-Mid-American Conference selections as their consolation. That's not much consolation.

No Christmas in Detroit for NIU faithful. No packing for New Orleans (North Texas, which last played in a Burt Reynolds movie, vs. Memphis instead), no GMAC Bowl in Mobile Dec. 19 and no Tangerine Bowl in Orlando Dec. 22. Not even a trip to Fort Worth for the Fort Worth Bowl or the Humanitarian Bowl. I suggest a boycott of not watching teams with less than seven wins.

Who would of thunk it—NU as a bad boy in the bowl picture? I remember a certain game at NU in the early 1980s when NIU broke a 34-game Wildcats losing streak.

This is the thanks the Huskies get? Some 21 years later, how great would a NIU-NU bowl game have been, if only the Huskies had not suffered that loss to Bowling Green?

Who needs them, anyway? NIU has its bucks and memories from travelling to and beating Alabama 19-16 on that wonderful Saturday night in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Turner said that was his biggest moment as a Huskie.

As for the bowls, unless there is an eight-wins or better team involved, go shopping or watch prep wrestling or basketball.

The local talk show hosts say NIU would not "travel well." Here's someone who had his credit card ready to back visits to Detroit, Fort Worth, Tex., New Orleans, or yes, even Boise.

Back to the positives, what few there are at least.

Turner, known as "The Burner", was named first team All-MAC. He finished with a three-touchdown, 166-yard effort against Eastern Michigan, passing the likes of Nebraska's Mike Rozier and Oregon State's Ken Simonton on the All-Time NCAA Div. I rushing list. Turner was joined by nine other Huskies on the All-MAC team.

"That's a tremendous accomplishment for our program in a very, very competitive league. Ten all-MAC players and seven first-teamers is really indicative of this group. There are eight seniors among that 10. That was a great senior class," Novak said.

Thanks for the comforting words, but my California Bowl III pennant will continue to grow in NIU lore and perhaps it should be framed. That was that very special day when NIU won 20-13 over California-Fullerton in Fresno.

Twenty years between bowl games? With the present system, you might as well add another zero to that, in the present system, anyway.

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One quarter at a time for Sequoits

By JOHN PHELPS
Lakeland Correspondent

Still playing without their top scorer in Kyle White, Antioch head coach Tom Duffy has had to alter his team's focus a tad.

"We've re-evaluated our goals for each game," the coach said. "We try to take at least one charge per quarter, we try to score double-digits in each quarter and we always try to play hard. By doing all of these, it makes the guys more conscious of how many points we have and where we stand at all times during the game. It also gets us to focus on eight minutes, or a quarter, at a time."

That formula worked to perfection against Carmel in non-conference action last week.

In a 63-44 victory, the Sequoits scored 20 points in the third frame but still only led by eight at 46-38.

Eric Lear scored eight of his game-high 14 points in the period. Marshall Perry chipped in with five.

"It was unheard of for us to score 20 points in a quarter," a joking Duffy said. "But give Carmel a lot of credit. For having only eight guys playing, they played hard and stayed in the game all the way until the end. I just think our depth eventually wore them down and we were able to pull away."

Antioch did wear down the Corsairs by outscoring them 17-6 in that final frame.

Chandler Kent joined Lear (11 points) Sequoits to score in double-figures. His trey at the halftime buzzer gave the home team a boost of momentum as it took a 26-22 advantage into the locker room.

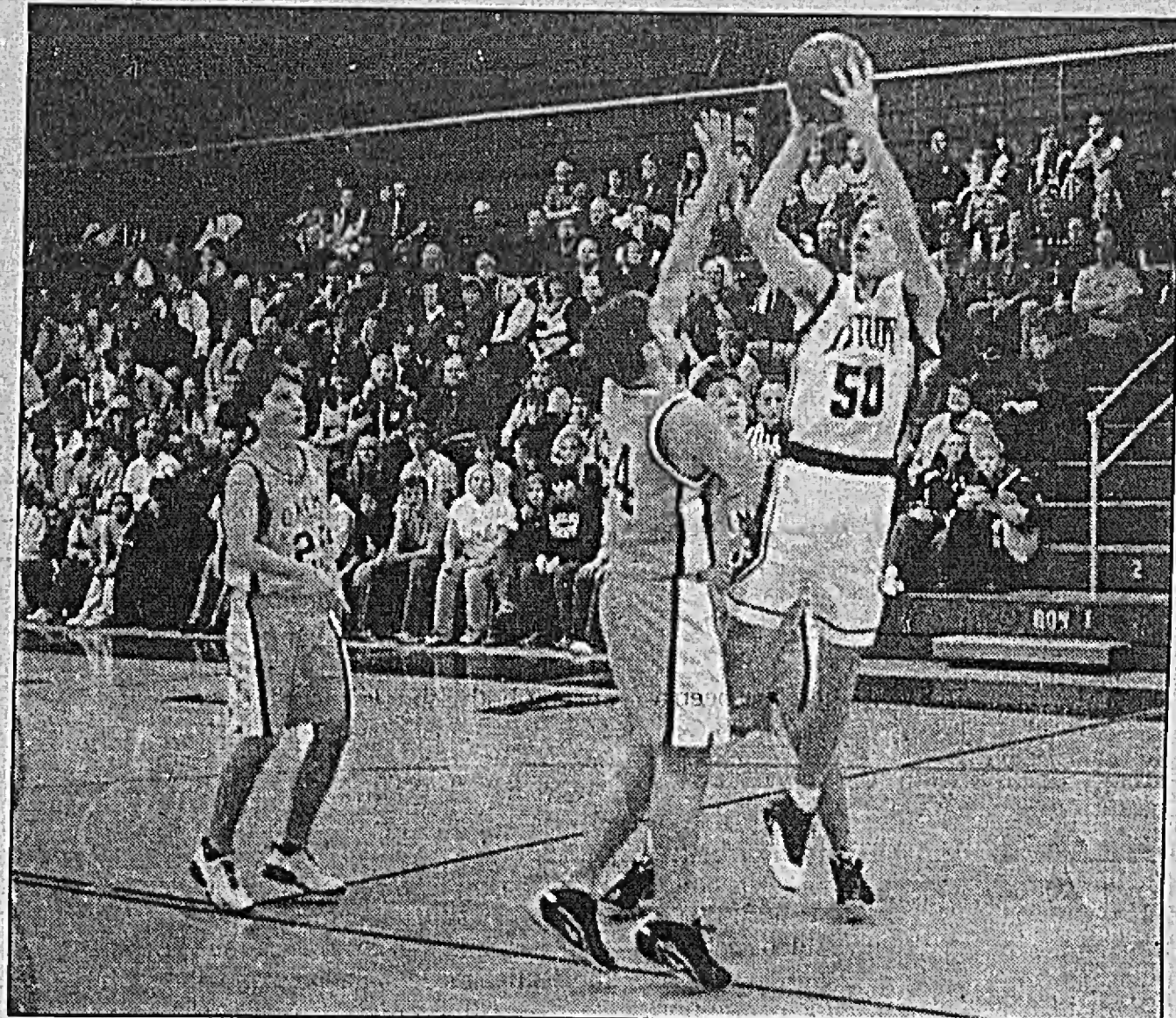
A balanced scoring attack has also made up for White not being in the lineup. Against Carmel, Ryan Eder and Brian Sternberg added nine points while Chris Kiddoo joined Perry with seven.

"We've had a lot of production, a lot of balance," Duffy said.

The night before, Lake Forest got the best of Antioch 50-30.

"We came out okay and were down 14-8 after the first quarter," Duffy said. "But then they (Lake Forest) turned up their defense. They really shut down our movement and were a lot more physical than we were."

Lake Forest, picked by many to win the North Suburban Lake, started pulling away after outscoring Antioch 14-5 in the second frame.



Antioch's Brian Sternberg attempts a fade-away jumper in his team's 63-44 win over Carmel. The Sequoits will be at Wauconda on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.—Photo by Steve Young

Eder pumped in 13 and Kent added eight in the losing effort.

Twenty-four turnovers also didn't help the Sequoits' cause.

That's something Duffy and the gang hopes to improve on if they want to contend with the best-of-the-best in the NSC.

Non-conference action, though, is the call of order this week when Antioch travels to NSC Prairie hopeful Wauconda on Sat., Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

"They have decent size but their speed is what we'll have to look out for," said Duffy, whose team currently stands at 2-4 overall and 0-1 in league play. "They'll try and push the ball and get a lot of baskets in transition."

Senior forward Alex Wallace is the main threat in the paint for the Bulldogs. Guards Hawk Haiduke, a junior, and Jay Grooms, a

sophomore, will be the primary threats when it comes to containing the Dogs speed.

The Wauconda game could also mark the return of White, who sprained his right ankle after landing awkwardly in the first game of the season.

"It sure has taken awhile to heal. It's still nice and purple," Duffy said. "We'll take it easy on him and play him sparingly."

The Sequoits will get a good taste of quality competition Christmas week when they play in the Glenbard West Holiday tournament. Games will be played on Dec. 22-23 and 26-27.

Antioch will play the likes of De La Salle, Nazareth Academy and Timothy Christian.

"There will be eight teams from eight different leagues," Duffy said. "It's a good tournament."

Lady Sequoits off to a solid start

By ROB BACKUS
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The M.O. for Antioch's girls basketball team the last few years has been simple. The team starts off slow, then goes on a run through January and February to finish at or near .500.

This time around, however, the Sequoits have avoided an early-season funk.

"To have a better season we knew we needed a better start," Antioch coach Don Zeman said. "And so far it's worked out."

Antioch started off the week, and its conference season, with a 50-35 win over Lake Forest.

The Sequoits dominated the first three quarters, holding a 43-23 lead going into the final quarter.

Even after the Scouts went on a 10-0 run in the first four minutes of the quarter, Antioch was able to make its free throws down the stretch, and built the lead back up to 15.

"We played a solid game from beginning to end," Zeman said. "We were a little shaky dealing with Lake Forest's pressure in the fourth (quarter), but we recovered and hit our free throws when it counted."

Katie Hofeldt led Antioch with 16 points, but more importantly, helped contain All-NSC team member Kristen Cartwright, holding her to 13 points, and just one field goal in the second half.

Katherine Reynolds chipped in with 12

points for the Sequoits.

Antioch also had a solid game against a very tough Carmel team, and actually held a 23-21 lead at halftime.

The Corsairs, however, outscored Antioch 20-9 in the third quarter, led by Caitlyn Krombach's eight third-quarter points.

"We matched them basket for basket in the first half," Zeman said. "Then we lost track of Krombach in the third quarter and she hit some big shots. That was the difference."

What pleased Zeman, though, was his team's ability to keep playing hard in the fourth quarter, something, he says, not all teams would do.

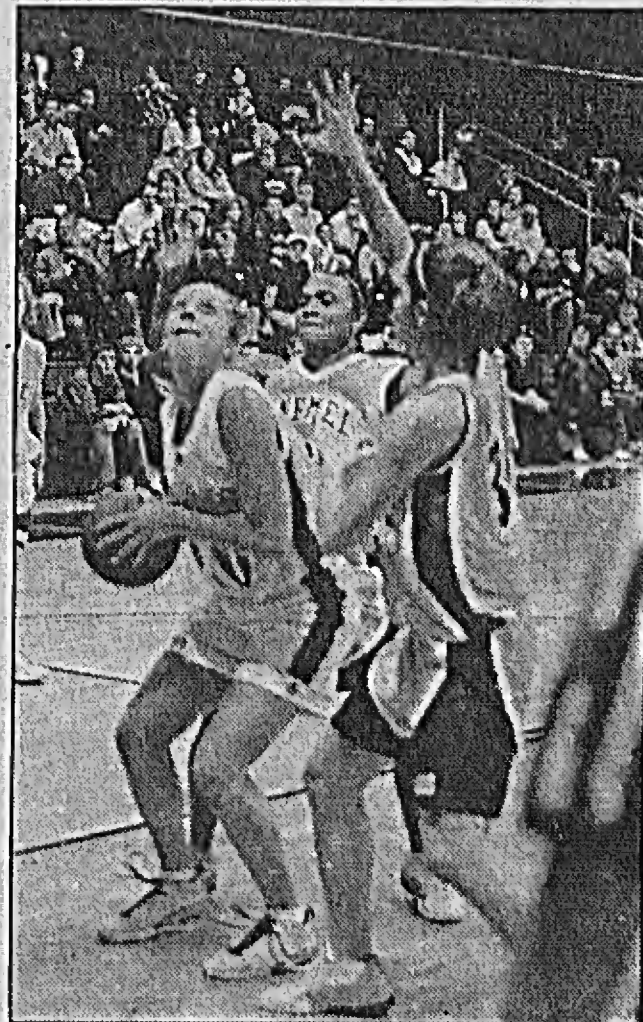
"We regrouped and played a real strong fourth quarter," Zeman said. "It was encouraging that we bounced back; a lot of teams would have given up."

Jennie Dewar (18 points) and Hofeldt (12 points) led Antioch (5-3, 1-0 NSC Lake) from the field.

"I'm real pleased with our start," Zeman said. "All three of our losses have been to quality teams (Dundee Crown, Lake Zurich and Carmel)."

"The start was key because we hope to say in the mix of the Lake division. It would be nice to play meaningful games late in the season. So far the girls have made progress and have developed, so 18-20 wins is within our grasp."

Antioch will look to add another digit to the win column when it travels to Warren on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.



Antioch's Jennie Dewar attempts a shot under the basket in her team's 51-38 win over Carmel. The Sequoits will be at Warren on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.—Photo by Steve Young

Lady Rams still looking for a challenge

By ROB BACKUS
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It's hard to tell yet whether Grayslake is great or merely good.

Sure the team has flown out of the gate to an 8-0 start, but, with the exception of Lake Forest and Jacobs, the Lady Rams have yet to play a tough opponent.

That could change Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. when the Rams travel across the county line to take on FVC rival McHenry.

"McHenry will be a good litmus test of where we are," Grayslake coach Mike Hirsch said.

In a pair of games this past week, the Rams crushed FVC foes Crystal Lake South (80-31) and Jacobs (63-41).

In both games, it was all Kayla Ming, all the time.

Against Crystal Lake South, Ming scored

16 of her game-high 31 points in the third quarter. In fact, the third quarter was the last action she saw, sitting out the fourth as her team was winning comfortably.

"Our man-to-man defense was solid against Crystal Lake South," Hirsch said. "We need to get everyone playing good defense."

Lauren Trentadue had 10 points and Rachel Miner and Ashley Brennan each added seven in the win over the Gators.

Against Jacobs, despite battling a severe cold, Ming made the opposition sick by scoring a game-high 26 points, including a three-pointer at the end of the third quarter that put her team up for good, 44-35.

Grayslake pulled away in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Golden Eagles 19-6 in the frame.

Despite the big win, Hirsch was not pleased with his team's play at times.

The Rams held just a 28-25 halftime lead, and actually trailed Jacobs by five in the third quarter.

"Jacobs did a lot of things that made it difficult for us to score in our half-court set," Hirsch said. "We kind of fell asleep out there. We thought we could roll and we can't do that. We can never stop working hard."

Bethany Russ had nine points and Erica Fadden added eight for Grayslake. Jessica Piasecki also did a nice job filling in for Rachel Miner, who was forced to miss the game due to illness.

With his team out of the gates at 8-0, Hirsch knows they will be marked the rest of the season.

"We're the team everybody probably circles on their calendar," Hirsch said. "Hopefully, the girls will respond accordingly."

Youth movement underway for Rams

By ROB BACKUS
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Although Grayslake coach Steve Wood's team is young, given that there are only three seniors on the roster, you couldn't tell by the way it wrestled at the eight-team Rockford East Invite.

The Rams finished third with 175 points, just three points behind second-place Moline.

"I was very happy with how we wrestled in the tournament," Wood said. "We won some matches we weren't supposed to win, which is always the goal of a young team."

Grayslake's individual results in the tournament were as follows: Dane Lund (1st place, 103 pounds); Jerry Baumgartner (4th,

103 pounds); Trevor Hall (4th, 112 pounds); Curran Allenstein (2nd, 119 pounds); Travis Atkins (4th, 125 pounds); Luis Mendoza (4th, 130 pounds); Drew Spencer (6th, 135 pounds); Greg Harkins (5th, 140 pounds); Jon Alcala (1st, 145 pounds); Eric Naranjo (4th, 152 pounds); August Trexler (2nd, 160 pounds); Matt Simon (2nd, 171 pounds) and Matt Brady (2nd, heavyweight).

Lund and Allenstein are the only returning sectional qualifiers for Grayslake.

"We have a team goal to get better every meet," Wood said. "We gave up a lot of pins in our first quad on Nov. 25, but since then the kids have responded. We don't win every match, but we improve every match. I tell the kids all the time that success is not measured by wins and losses. That will help down the

road."

Besides hoping for continuous improvement, Wood hopes his team will finish in the top-3 at regionals and in the Fox Valley Conference.

"We showed we could wrestle with anyone by hanging tough with Crystal Lake Central," said Wood, whose team lost to the Tigers 35-28. "They're always an excellent team and we came up just short."

As far as the conference goes, Wood feels he will know a lot more after this week, as his team tangles with FVC foes Cary-Grove and Jacobs.

The Rams will be at Cary-Grove on Thursday, Dec. 11 and at Jacobs on Friday, Dec. 12.



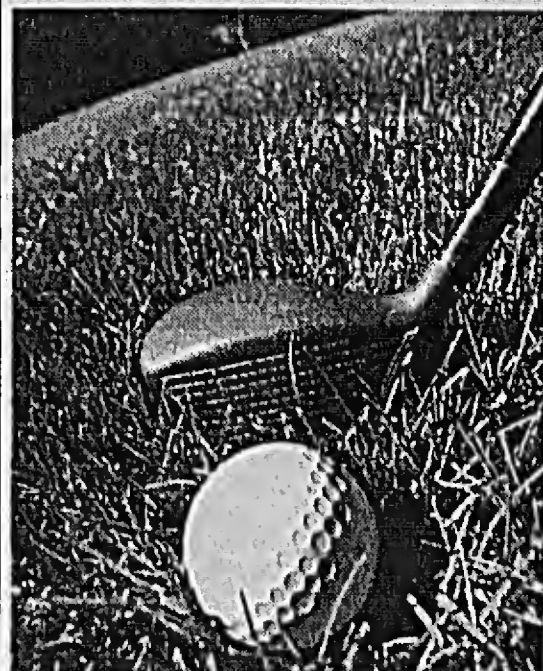
Grayslake High School's Kayla Ming attempts to make a pass around a Jacobs guard during a 63-41 home game win for the Rams. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

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Girls fastpitch softball clinics

The park district and the Mundelein Thunder coaching staff are offering an indoor softball clinic for girls' ages 7-14. The clinic will begin on Jan. 10-March 20. Level A for girls 7-14 years of age with little or no competitive playing experience will run from 8:30-10 a.m. Level B for girls 10-14 years of age with two-plus years of competitive playing experience will run from 10:15-11:45 a.m. Clinics are held at the Mundelein Community Center. The registration fee is \$60 for residents/\$90 nonresidents. For more information call Bill T'Niemi at 847-566-1109 or stop by the main office.

Men's hoops

The park district is offering men's basketball for adults 18-up. The program begins on Jan. 4-March 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Mundelein Community Center. The fee is \$36 for residents/\$54 nonresidents. For registration call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29 or stop by the main office.

Youth basketball

The park district is offering youth basketball leagues for children in first-sixth grades. The first and second grade league will be held on Mondays from 6-8:30 p.m. starting on Jan. 5. The third and fourth grade league will be held on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. starting on March 10. The fifth and sixth grade league will be held on Mondays from 6-9 p.m. starting on Feb. 23. The girls fifth-seventh grade league will be held on Wednesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. starting on Jan. 7. The registration fee is \$50 for residents and \$75 nonresidents. For registration information call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29 or stop by the main office.

Adult open volleyball

The park district is offering open volleyball for adults 18-up. The program begins on

Jan. 5-Feb. 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg Middle School. The fee is \$21 for residents/\$31 nonresidents. For more information call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29 or stop by the main office.

Adult Co-ed volleyball leagues

The park district will be offering co-ed adult volleyball leagues starting on Feb. 11. Games will be held at the Mundelein Community Center. The fee is \$280 per team. Resident team registration is Jan. 5-11, Mundelein business sponsor team registration is from Jan. 2-18, and open registration begins on Jan. 19. Registration will close when all available spaces have been filled or on Jan. 30. For registration information call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29 or stop by the main office.

Tennis

The park district is offering youth and adult tennis lessons. All classes will be held at Libertyville Tennis Club and taught by Libertyville Tennis Club pros. For more information call 847-566-0650 or stop by the main office.

Karate

The park district is offering a variety of Karate classes. The classes are taught under the instruction of Illinois Shotokan Karate. Participants will develop coordination, strength, personal safety skills, agility, poise, self-confidence, and discipline through a variety of fun and creative activities. For more information call 847-566-0650 or stop by the main office.

Teens

The park district will be offering teen rec nights on Fridays of every month (Nov. 7-21, Dec. 5, Jan. 9) from 8-10 p.m. at the Mundelein Community Center for children in grades six-eight. Fee is \$5 per visit. For more information call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29 or stop by the main office.

The park district will be having an all night lock-in for children in grades six-eight. There will be movies, games, snacks and fun going on all night. This is an opportunity to stay "out" all night with your friends. Make sure you bring your sleeping bag, pillow and swimsuit. Pre-registration is MANDATORY. No registrations will be accepted on the night of this

event. If the minimum number of participants (25) is not met Dec. 12, this event will be cancelled. The registration fee is \$15 for resident/\$22 nonresidents. For more information call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29, or stop by the main office.

Tae Kwon Do

The park district is offering a variety of Tae Kwon Do classes. The classes are taught under the instruction of Sun's National Tae Kwon Do in Mundelein. Participants will gain self-confidence, self-discipline, coordination, physical fitness and self-defense techniques. For more information call 847-566-0650 or stop by the main office.

Racquetball

The park district is offering a variety of youth and adult racquetball lessons. All classes will be held at Southlake Club. This is a great chance to learn to play racquetball and be part of a league. Rules and instructions will be given the first week of play. For more information call 847-566-0650 or stop by the main office.

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Winter gymnastics

The park district and the gymnastics Spot will be offering gymnastics classes for children ages 4 1/2 and up. The classes will begin on Jan. 10-March 6 at the Gymnastics Spot at 200 S. Shaddle in Mundelein. The fee is \$58 for residents/\$87 nonresidents. For more information call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29, or stop by the main office.

Youth indoor soccer

The park district will be offering indoor soccer for children ages 4-12. The league will begin on Jan. 10-Feb. 28. The fee for the league is \$55 for per child for residents/\$82 nonresidents. (T-shirt included). Children are divided according to ages: 4-5, 5-6, 7-9 and 22-23. For more information or you are interested in becoming a parent coach, call Scott at 847-566-0650, Ext. 29 or stop by the main office.

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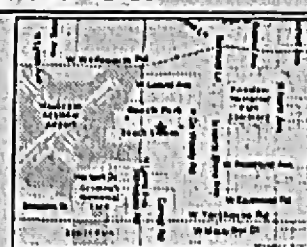
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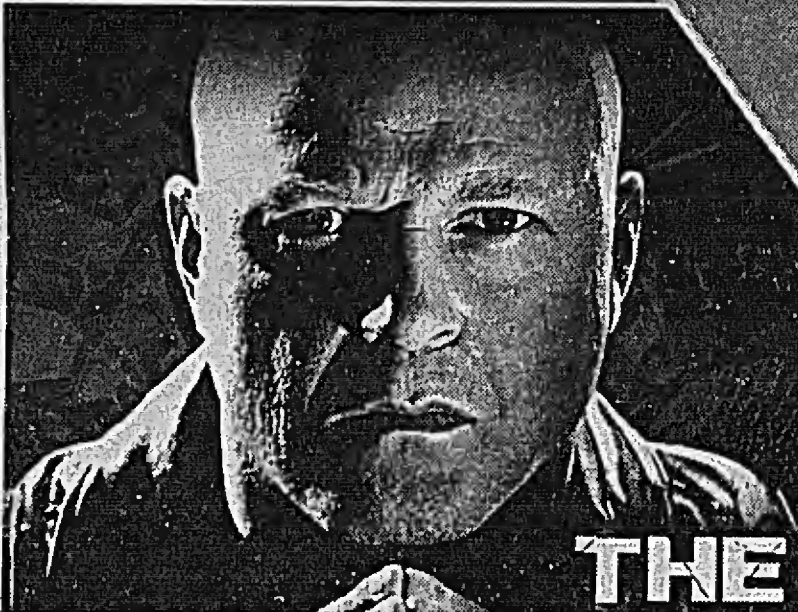
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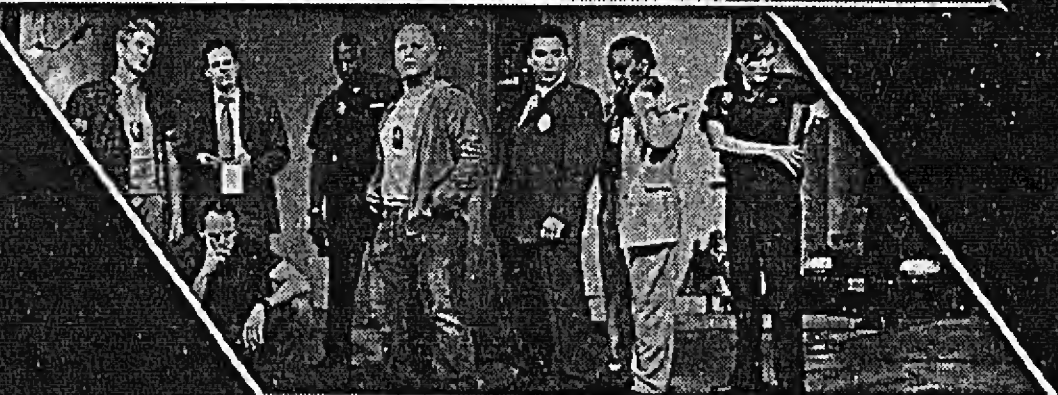
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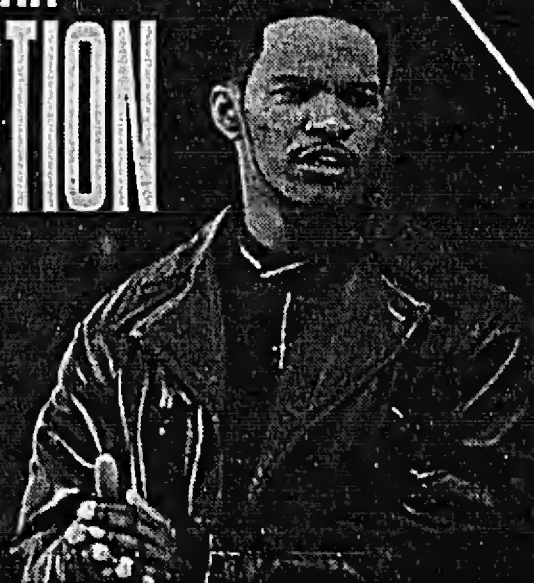


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Charm-ing last-minute holiday gifts

Shoppers weave through the crowds on a busy Saturday before Christmas at Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn in Vernon Hills.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

By JULIE MURPHY
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After taking a few decades off, charms and charm collecting have re-emerged in popularity. Beloved for the individuality and custom-jewelry style they allow (at a relatively low price), these "charm-ing" trinkets have won their way back with a vengeance into the hearts of jewelry wearers.

Today, charms are readily available and come in a variety of styles and price ranges to suit the needs of every would-be buyer or collector. Vendors carrying charms include department stores, gift stores, boutiques, mall kiosks and, of course, innumerable cyberstores.

Not all charms dangle. Some are available in the form of "modular jewelry" lines that connect together in a manner akin to a watchband and tend to be more suitable for either an ultra-active lifestyle or one that requires multiple hours at a keyboard.

Not all charms are worn as bracelets, either; some modular styles are indeed worn as watchbands while others are worn as anklets or carried as keychains. One of the newest "charmed" accessories is the "jean" charm, a chain that hooks between a front and back belt loop on a pair of jeans.

Charms are a big thing that have been growing over the past couple of years," said Cindy Kaatz, a manager of Hannah's Home Accents in Antioch. "The appeal is that they can be personalized. No two bracelets ever turn out exactly the same."

According to Kaatz, Zoppini, an Italian company probably best known in the stainless steel and 18-karat world of modular charms, makes 1,500 charms. Add to Zoppini's selection the collections of a dozen or so companies that make interchangeable links of similar materials and the possibilities become nearly endless.

The links themselves have a base of

stainless steel about 3/8 of an inch in length. Affixed to the top is an 18-karat-and-enamel (or jeweled) depiction of every conceivable icon, from the alphabet to Greek letters to religious symbols to zodiac signs.

Hobbies, pets, professions, birthstones, flowers, animals, professional sports and licensed characters, such as Disney favorites, are among the detailed designs that can adorn a wrist or ankle.

While it might be tempting to try to create a larger linked piece to be worn as a choker-style necklace, wearers should know that the stretching links can catch and pull hair as they pass over one's head.

Zoppini starter bracelets and key chains range in price from \$8-12, with charms costing between \$18-60. The higher-end charms often have small dangles or cubic zirconia with the most expensive designs carrying over two links (the price includes both links).

Budget-conscious shoppers can find similar modular charms and bracelets under the names Add-A-Charm (available at Icing and Claire's stores, located in most malls) and Lavello (available at Hannah's and Fancie Fakes in Gurnee Mills), among others. Starter bracelets range from \$5-8 and the charms generally cost between \$1.25-\$8. Watches and watch faces are available for about \$15.

The selection of charms at mall stores might not top the 1,500 mark, but there are ample charms available to create a unique piece.

Dina Szymanski, a sales associate at Fancie Fakes, said initials are all the rage. "Monograms have become very popular," she said. "Also, if you use an initial or two instead of a whole name, then there is more room on the bracelet for other special charms."

"To create the ultimate in 'special' charms," Hannah's works with a company that turns favorite photographs into charms for \$40 each. Given their small size, the charms are most successful when the photo



Laura May of Gurnee shops for the new version of the charm bracelet with the help of Hillary Vite of Antioch at Hannah's Home Accents in downtown Antioch. The charm bracelets, with hundreds of charms to choose from, are a big trend this holiday season.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

is limited to a close-up of a single individual.

"Photo charms have been booming," Kaatz said. "Having one or two on a bracelet really adds a special touch."

The lead time to have photo charms made is four to six weeks.

Shoppers on a restricted budget or those who wish to give a photo charm for the holidays can choose to go with an Add-A-Photo charm bracelet. A small picture of the Mona Lisa can be replaced with an individual photo

of about one-half inch.

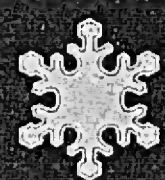
Antioch boutique At the Green Bench carries the single-charm bracelets for \$6. Additionally, the store carries jean charms, holiday-themed charm bracelets and purse charm necklaces, all for under \$20.

Traditional dangle charms that hang from a ring link have not gone by the wayside.

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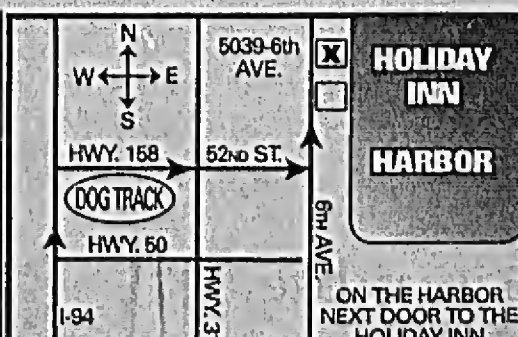
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Claire's, Fancy Fakes, Hannah's and Icing all have some variety of dangle charms that can be attached to key chains, round-link bracelets, anklets, necklaces or even zippers. The prices range from \$2-20.

Some of these are sold as completed bracelets, with the maker choosing the charm variety. For younger girls, Hannah's offers friendship bracelets sold in a matching set of two for about \$8.

Kohl's sells boxed charm bracelets by Charmed as well as Mudd watches that come with charms that can be added to the watch as desired.

In addition to offering Mudd watches and modular bracelets, J.C. Penney's carries Charming Moments bangle watches with charms that slide over the bangle and 14-karat white and yellow gold initial charms with snap-lock clasps.

While many charm collectors like the non-tarnishing aspect of the stainless steel modular charms, others prefer traditional sterling silver dangling charms.

Marshall Fields carries the Judith Jack jewelry line, which features sterling silver, enamel and marcasite completed charm bracelets. Since August, the company has sold its charms, bracelets and anklets individually.

The result is that collectors can create their own pieces in a way that is more affordable.

Judith Jack, known for their attention to detail, their handcrafting by master craftsmen and their use of high-quality marcasite cut with small facets to help catch light, sells charms for \$48 each. Double-ring link bracelets sell for \$38 and single-ring link anklets sell for \$20.

Hot sellers in this line include enameled silver and marcasite dogs, flip-flop slippers, teddy bears, shoes, perfume bottles and a heart-shaped locket.

For those in need of a last-minute holiday gift, the easy accessibility, style and price variety of charms make them a sure winner.

My Brothers' Keepers

My Mom celebrates her 75th birthday this week. It's brought back my brothers and enough memories to outlast our supply of left-over Thanksgiving turkey.

Why is it that two grown men with thinning hair and midlife midriffs revert back to their Wonder Bread days the minute mom gives them a smooch and straightens their ties? And why is it that, while they're cavorting around like third-graders, I'm left holding their luggage as the designated housekeeper?

Oh yeah, boys will be boys. But while I'm tidying up, I might as well dust off my brothers' baby books. Those yellowed photos of naked backsides need a fresh perspective to reflect the solid citizens they've become.

So here's a birthday gift for you, Mom—and "just desserts" for your sons!

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First foods

Your biggest boy sure has progressed beyond burping up formula and pureed peas. Now, instead of eating bugs, "Mr. Science" is writing treatises on water fleas for esoteric journals like "The Inside Pupa on Larva."

I know you still burst with maternal pride just thinking about his last visit.

After all, Professor Bro' almost made another distinguished journal—under the "Police Beat"—when he decided to search Wauconda's Bangs Lake for the elusive "Hyaella azteca."

While resting that big brain in his parked car waiting for a thunderstorm to pass, our snoozing academic was awakened by Wauconda's finest. Not surprisingly, they had a hard time believing that this guy, dressed like a down-and-out fly fisherman, had driven all the way from Pennsylvania in a quest



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for the Loch Ness—oops—I mean "freshwater shrimp" in Bangs Lake. Too bad, Mom, they finally believed him—you could have had some great wallet-size photos to show off, along with new fingerprints for his baby book!

Most memorable play date

Both of your boys revealed their callings at play. That's why you have fond memories of apologizing to the neighbors after your youngest, the budding artist, dug up their landscaping to create a more aesthetically pleasing arrangement—in our yard.

But only years later would brothers Cain and Abel team up for their most memorable play date—this time with the sheriff's department in Lubbock, Texas.

Drawn in by the artistic potential of a Texan vista, younger brother joined the "prof" on another foray for scientific specimens, this time white-footed mice native to the Southwest.

Unfortunately, neither brother has ever been big on logistics, like carrying enough money to buy food and gas. As a result, only after filling the back of his jalopy with mice did our P.D. candidate realize he needed to keep these rodents alive. So their meager funds went down the mousehole, until Cain and Abel ended up stranded outside Lubbock, Texas. The starving artist and scientist were reduced to using their underwear as

sunshades and fighting over the last of the mice feed.

Enter the Lubbock Sheriff's Department to the rescue, followed by a memorable phone call to you, Mom: "Howdy mam. Ya'll these boys' mama? Weeelll, ya'll know what yer boys been up to? They been trappin' mice, ya hear? Ya'll better wire them boys some money, and we'll send 'em home for a good talkin' to by their mama!"

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First day of school

It's been a long road for your sons, from that first nervous walk to school, to their current illustrious careers educating others, and "maybe making a buck."

The road has been littered with gruesome science projects and funky sculptures, all of them somehow ending up dumped in your basement.

And now those memories are even more important—you've finally managed to unload the actual mementos back on their rightful owners by moving to a condo.

Take heart mom, your "school boys" will continue to create "precious moments"—because, trust me, they'll never learn. From a stalled Fiat in New York's Holland Tunnel after visiting a Picasso exhibit, to an interrogation by a suspicious forest ranger eyeing a dead shrew in a frying pan, your boys will continue to test the mettle of our brave "keepers of the peace."

And, as for this "brothers' keeper"—let's just hope "housekeeping" doesn't leave another special memento under some pillows tonight!

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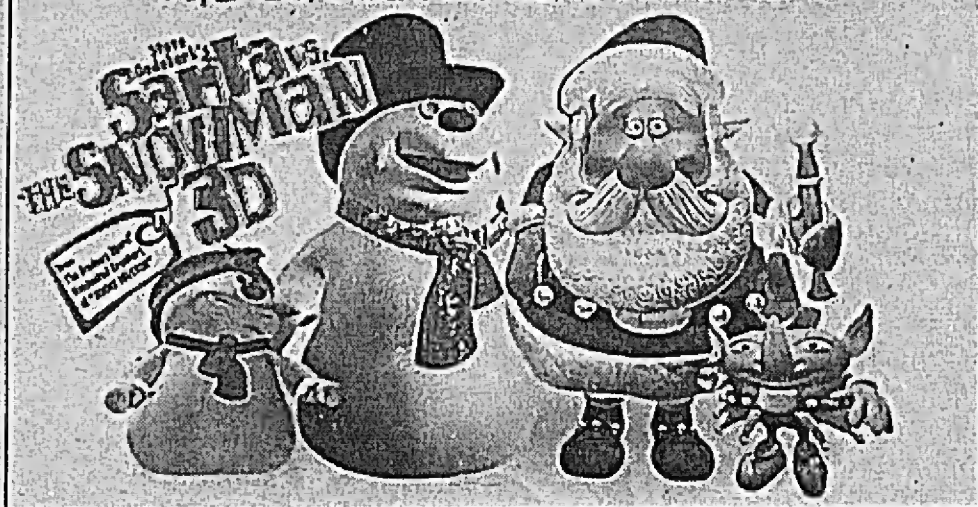
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Bring a field guide and binoculars if you have them and dress for the weather. No registration required for this free event and all ages invited.

For more information, call 847-968-3321 or visit www.LCFPD.org

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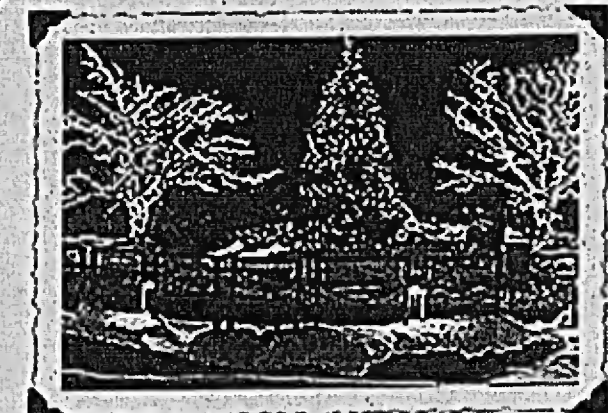
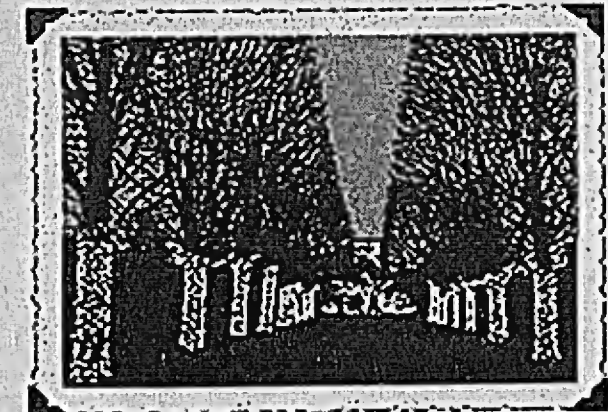
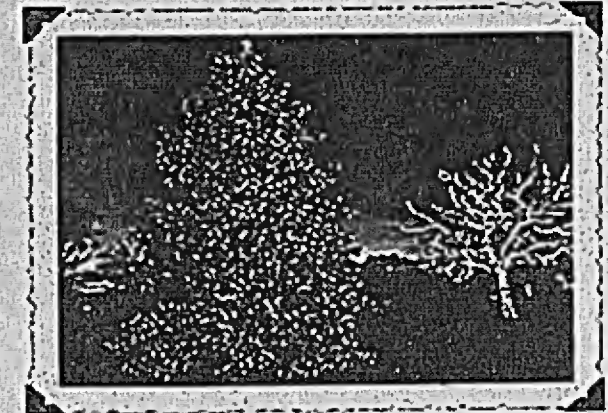
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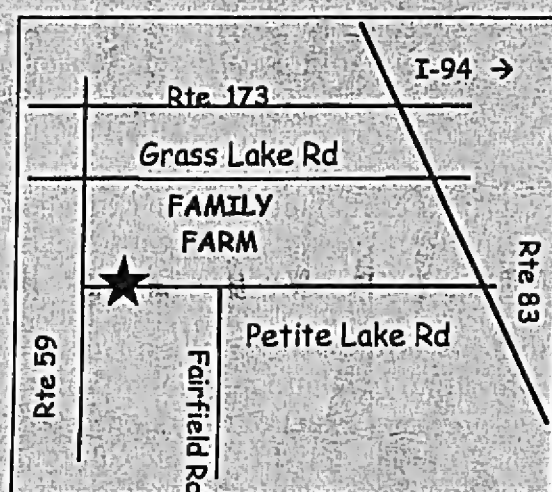
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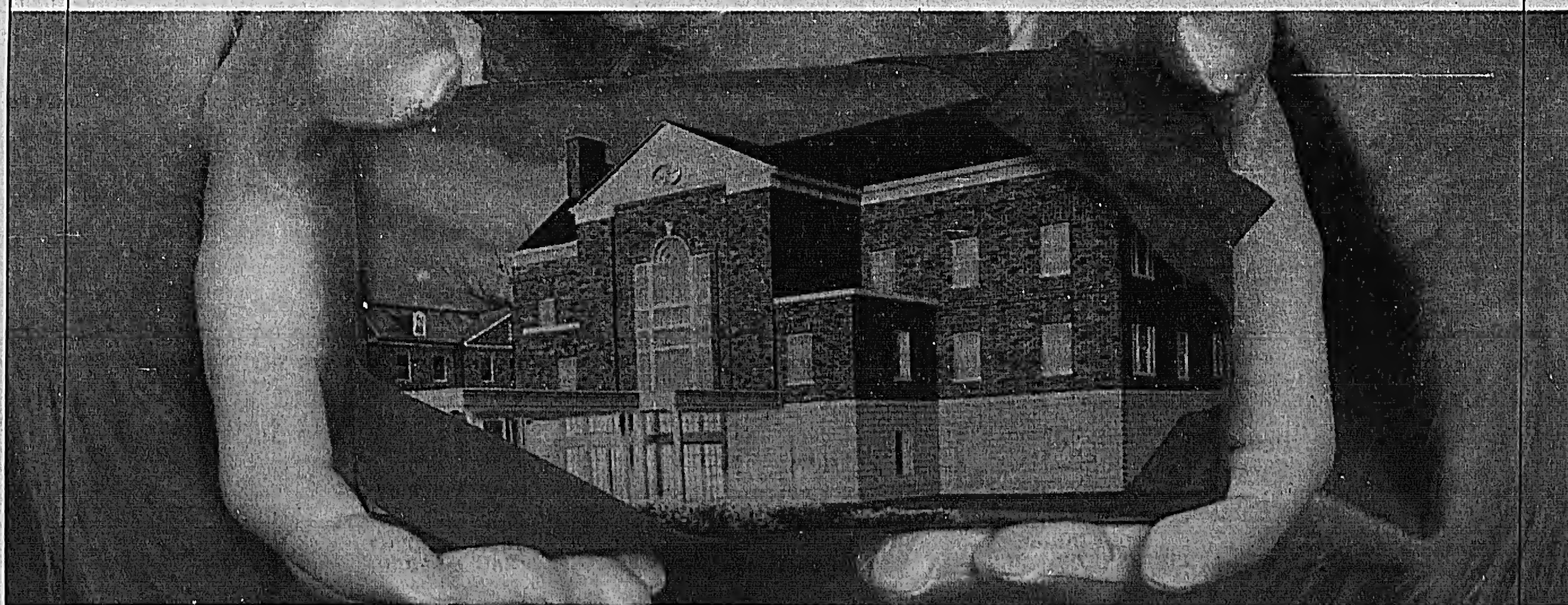
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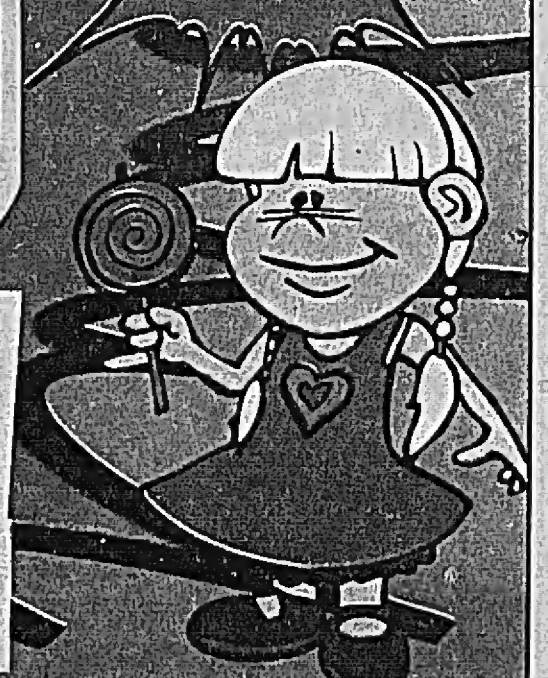


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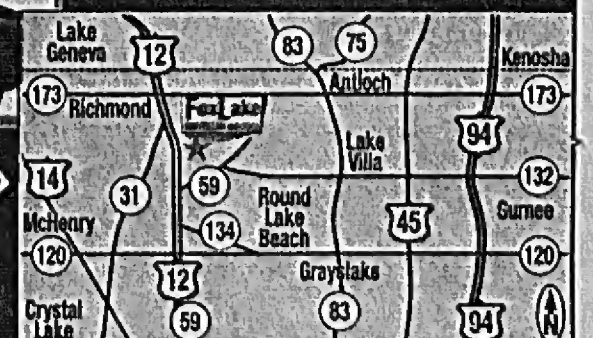
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5 Boxes Don't miss this movie!	3 Boxes Worth seeing but could've been better
4 Boxes Wow! I'm impressed	2 Boxes Wait until this movie comes out on video
1 Box Someone should be fired for making this movie	

NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. More reviews of these and other films can be found under Current Movie Reviews at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

opening this week

Love Don't Cost a Thing: Nick Cannon ("Drumline") is a high school geek who fixes the car of a hot girl in return for her pretending that they are dating. Not as good as "Drumline" but a very good movie for younger teens to see. It does a great job of addressing the issue of peer pressure and how parents must relate to their children during the time when their young adult is at a crossroads of choosing the right friends. The strong message makes up for some of the weakness in the hamminess of the story. Also stars Steve Harvey. **★★★★ (PG-13)**

Something's Gotta Give: A romantic-triangle, cross-generational comedy with Diane Keaton, Jack Nicholson, Keanu Reeves, Amanda Peet, Jon Favreau and Frances McDormand. Just think, a romantic comedy where a 60-year-old man has a relationship with someone young enough to be his daughter! **(PG-13)**



Stuck on You: Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear are conjoined twins who go along to get along in a comedy that is surprisingly good. It's far better than the trailer. Outstanding supporting performances by Meryl Streep, Cher and Seymour Cassel. The depiction of how those who are physically challenged deal with life is admirable. It's done in such a way that the movie avoids the negative connotation that political correctness brings to the table. The screenplay speaks on multiple levels. Fun for everyone to enjoy and film buffs out there will pick up the double meaning of many of the lines. **★★★★1/2 (PG-13)**



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Elf (PG)
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Gothika (R)
★★★
Honey (PG-13)
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Inside scoop on films in Lake County

By George O. Singleton

In a recent conversation, Nikki Chojnacki, the promotions director for Marcus Cinemas in Gurnee, shared her enthusiasm for what's going on at her 20-screen theater complex at Gurnee Mall.

She's been with Marcus for eight years, having started with the company at the age of 16. During that time she also received her bachelor's degree. She loves the films Marcus cinemas show and her enthusiasm for recent family films like "Looney Tunes" and "The Cat in the Hat" is clearly genuine. I asked her which films have missed or exceeded expectations and she pointed out that "Radio" started off slowly opening weekend but on the following week sold out shows in two theaters. She says it came from behind, as "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" did. "It's a word of mouth movie. It's suitable for children. It teaches a lesson to everyone, I think, on how



to treat people." "Love Don't Cost a Thing," which comes out today, might also fit this description.

Clint Eastwood's "Mystic River" has been exceptional, mostly for the "late 30s and above" crowd, Nikki pointed out. We both marveled at how Eastwood brings the best out in actors such as Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon. "It's such an intense film, it was beautiful. People will



like it or not. I think it was brilliant," says Nikki.

Nikki is looking forward to "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (you can see our review here next week). For "LOTR: ROTK," she'd like to do a midnight show, or a 10 p.m., if the studio gives them the ok.

Parents will be interested to know that the theater does check for ID's on R rated films. They are not just looking for a school ID, but something with a birth date on it. If you are 17, you can see an R-rated movie without an adult. But here's what you might not know about the rating system: a 17-year-old guy can get into an R-rated film but not with his 16-year-old date. If he is 18, he is considered an adult and can bring in someone who is under 17 to an R-rated movie. Nikki fully supports the MPAA rating policy. "We card left and right here," she said.

Nikki liked "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." "The gore parts were done tastefully." Someone who likes popular crowd-pleasers as well as films such as the art house favorite "Swimming Pool" is just the type of person we need at our local multiplex.

When Nikki can't see what she wants to at the multiplex, she makes the trek to Highland Park to see films such as "Whale Rider,"

"Swimming Pool," or "Thirteen" (R-rated and a harder edged and realistic look at the same subject that "Love Don't Cost a Thing" covers. Our teen critic, who writes for the Web site, says that 16-year-olds live in an R-rated world. He challenges the MPAA, saying teens cannot see some of the films they most need to see without a parent or an older teen (who more than likely has no interest in taking them to the movies).

Nikki is pleased that Marcus had "Lost in Translation" so soon after it's opening at Landmark theaters. Although Marcus in Gurnee targets a younger audience many of whom are in the Navy, the theater does show many arthouse films. If you see something listed that may have been released a few weeks earlier, just check the "current movie reviews" page at www.reelmoviecritic.com to find the review. Unless you are very organized, finding the



Friday paper of a few weeks ago is not going to happen!

In response to what she'd like for you to know about the Marcus Cinemas, Nikki said, "I want to kind of play up the kid movies. We have a nice family environment. This holiday season is going to be big for family movies."

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Stuck On You (PG13) ★ (Ends Tu) 12:10, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10
Last Samurai (R) ★ 1:25, 4:50, 8:20
Honey (PG13) ★ 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
Haunted Mansion (PG) (Ends Tu) 7:05, 9:15
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The Missing (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
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Gothika (R) (Ends Tu) 5:30, 8:40
Looney Tunes (PG) (Ends Tu) 12:30, 3:35
Master & Commander (PG13) 12:25, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
Elf (PG) 1:30, 3:50, 6:10, 8:30
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CRITIC'S CHOICE / Play
"A Christmas Carol"
By Tom Witom

Charles Dickens' classic story "A Christmas Carol" dates back to 1843, but there's nothing old hat about this timeless work.

We have seen it multiple times, yet the annual production at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago is always a treat. This year is no exception.

As adapted by Tom Creamer and directed by Kate Buckley, "A Christmas Carol" clearly continues to age like a fine wine. The more one is exposed to it, the

more one can appreciate its subtleties.

Most of the multiracial 26-member cast - including William Brown as Ebenezer Scrooge, John Lister as Bob Cratchit and William J. Norris as Jacob Marley - are veterans of previous productions and bring special nuances to their roles.

Scrooge has had a lifelong flirtation with Midas, the fabled king granted the power of turning all he touched into gold. Friendless and ill-regarded for his miserly ways, Scrooge eventually finds enlightenment one Christmas Eve when the frightening and unhappy spirit of his late business partner (Marley) suddenly appears to

warn him to change his ways. Three ghosts, Christmas Past (Lisa Dodson), Christmas Present (Bradley Mott, who also plays the affable Mr. Fezziwig, Scrooge's happy-go-lucky former employer) and Christmas Yet to Come.

The haunting memories stirred up in Scrooge as he wanders through space and time with his spirit escorts open his eyes to injustice, poverty and suffering all around him. He comes to know Fezziwig's power to spread joy ("It lies in words and looks") and recognizes the need to pay his hard-working clerk a proper wage so he and his struggling family can live in dignity. He also opens his heart to a kind and generous nephew (played by Kevin Theis).

Brown's Scrooge is truly transformed, as he giddily shouts season's greetings to strangers and orders that the local butcher to send the biggest turkey to the Cratchit house. But the production especially shines when Scrooge finds himself trying to sing Christmas carols (something he has not done for many a year) and must improvise on the lyrics, "Good King ... What's His Name."

He also gets completely lost after the first few bars of "Noel."

Incidental music adds a warm touch, and the massive rollaway sets impress.

Scrooge's quarters, laced with huge cobwebs, look more somber and forlorn than ever.

"A Christmas Carol" is just the ticket for adults and their families to get everyone in tune with the holiday season.



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'Ole Village Tavern rings in the new year

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The New Year's Eve dinner menu, with six entrée choices served with salad, potato and dessert, will be served from 8-11 p.m. The cost is \$26.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required. The Tavern's regular dinner menu will be available that day from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In keeping with the Tavern's long tradition of supporting a wide range of charitable projects and organizations, the evening will also feature a raffle to benefit the seeing eye dog program of the Long Grove Lions' Club.

The Village Tavern is located at 135 Old McHenry Road. For information and for reservations, phone 847-634-3117.

Talk turtles, be Egyptian during holiday camps

MILWAUKEE-Temperatures may be dropping and snow may be falling, but that can't stop the Milwaukee Public Museum from offering camp fun for children ages 6-10 this December. A wide variety of camp topics will chase the chill away as campers combine museum exhibits and laboratory thrills to learn about world cultures and scientific wonders. Campers can examine several reptiles, learn how dinosaurs and present-day hawks may be related, and explore the many mysteries behind Egyptian culture.

Holiday camps are 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, Dec. 22-30. Cost is \$45. Extended care and lunch options are available. Reservations required, call (414) 278-2728.

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New African lion arrives at Brookfield Zoo

A roar of excitement is resounding through Brookfield Zoo with the arrival of a new resident Makonnen, a 4-year-old male African lion.

Makonnen, whose name means "ruler" or "leader" in Swahili, arrived at the zoo a few months ago from Memphis Zoo and has been behind the scenes while adjusting to his new home. Now he can be seen outdoors every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the zoo's Fragile Kingdom exhibit. (On Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, John, the zoo's other African lion, will have access to the exhibit.)

Brookfield Zoo has big plans for this majestic animal. Working with the Species Survival Plan, a collaborative animal management effort among zoos in North America, the zoo staff hopes that someday Makonnen will lead a new lion pride at Brookfield Zoo. Makonnen is known as a "pedigreed" animal, which means his genetic history and ancestors are known. With fewer than 70 pedigreed lions in U.S. zoos, any of Makonnen's future offspring would be an important addition to the lion population in zoos.

As with many animals in its care, Brookfield Zoo's interest in lions goes far beyond simply sharing their beauty with visitors. As world leaders in conservation, the zoo's scientists have been following lions and other large carnivores in Africa for more than a decade in an effort to help save the animals from the many threats to their survival lions face in the wild.

Brookfield Zoo veterinarian Dr. Michael Briggs and University of Illinois pathologist Dr. Michael Kinsel are gathering critical information to determine the impact of disease on wild populations.

They collect samples of blood, hair, and



semen from lions, leopards and other large carnivores in Africa and ship the samples home for analysis by Brookfield Zoo staff. Zoo geneticist Dr. Jean Dubach's studies of historic gene flow in lions are helping to uncover significant details about species and subspecies evolution. Once Brookfield Zoo scientists discover how genetic diversity relates to animal density and disease status, it will be easier to identify the various needs for habitat preservation.

Brookfield Zoo is known throughout the world for its innovative, naturalistic, multi-species exhibits, its international role in animal population management and wildlife conservation, and its devotion to helping people develop a sustainable and harmonious relationship with nature. Open every day of the year, Brookfield Zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Metra commuter line, and PACE bus service. For further information about Brookfield Zoo and Makonnen, visit www.brookfieldzoo.org.

A bit of Irish in December

Join the Irish American Heritage Center for December events. Here you'll find the very best in Irish music live in the Fifth Province each Friday and Saturday evening. There's no cover charge and plenty of free parking. The Center is located at 4626 N. Knox Ave. in Chicago.

Kick off the holiday season at the IAHC Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale on Sunday, Dec. 7. You're sure to discover the perfect gift for that special someone among the exquisitely crafted items on display, and find the most delicious homemade baked goods for your festive table.

Celebrate New Year's Eve in the Fifth Province; doors open at 7 p.m. Music by Studio

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For more information on events at IAHC, call 773-282-7035 or visit our Web site at www.inshamhc.com.

The following are scheduled events in the Fifth Province at the IAHC for December: Dec. 19, Dalriada at 9 p.m.; Dec. 20 John Beag at 9 p.m.; Dec. 26, Bluestack at 9 p.m.; Dec. 27, Velvet Greet at 9 p.m.; Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party.

'The Snow King' scheduled for five performances

Waukegan Community Players will present their first children's show of the season, "The Snow King," written and directed by Margaret Schultz-Hughes of Round Lake, on Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:40 p.m. at the Round Lake Area Park District Community Center, 814 Hart Road, Round Lake. Performances will also take place Friday, Dec. 19, and Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at Goodfellow Hall at the Jack Benny Center for the Performing Arts in Bowen Park, 1920 N. Sheridan Road in Waukegan.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

The cast includes: Kristen Bieber of Round Lake as Berry; Rhenda Tyrivier of Zion as Queen Crystal; Victor Layne of Grayslake as Blizzard; and The Behr family of Gurnee, featuring father Jim as Sir Stewart, daughter Whitney as Morgan, and son Brandon as Luge.

For information call 847-872-9735.

Attention men! Walk into Mary Anne's closet this holiday season

Mary Anne's Closet, 217 Robert Parker Coffin Road, Long Grove, will host a "Man Party" on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 6 - 9 p.m. The evening is designed to give men a stress-free, congenial, one-stop shopping opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for all the special ladies in their lives.

Mary Anne's Closet showcases sophisticated dress and casual clothing in addition to unique coordinating accessories. Representatives from an area jeweler, furrier, and salon and day spa will also present gift ideas. There will be no charge for gift wrapping. Complimentary appetizers, wine, and beer will be served at Long Grove Café, located just steps away on the lower level of the Mill Pond Shop Complex.

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Mediterranean beef, barley soup provides a heart-friendly meal

Mediterranean dining, with its emphasis on fresh (unprocessed) foods, olive oil, fish, fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean meats has captured the limelight as a way to promote a healthier lifestyle.

"The Mediterranean Heart Diet" (Perseus Publishing, 2003), by Helen V. Fisher with Cynthia Thomson and Kaja Lewinn, explores this approach and shares some 140 recipes - complete with sodium, cholesterol and calorie counts - to get the health-conscious started on the right track.



COOKING by the BOOK

Tom Witom

We enjoyed Fisher's beef, barley and tomato soup. It's a hearty, flavorful pick-me-up, especially on the nippy days of late fall. Using homemade beef broth will further decrease sodium content, the author advises.

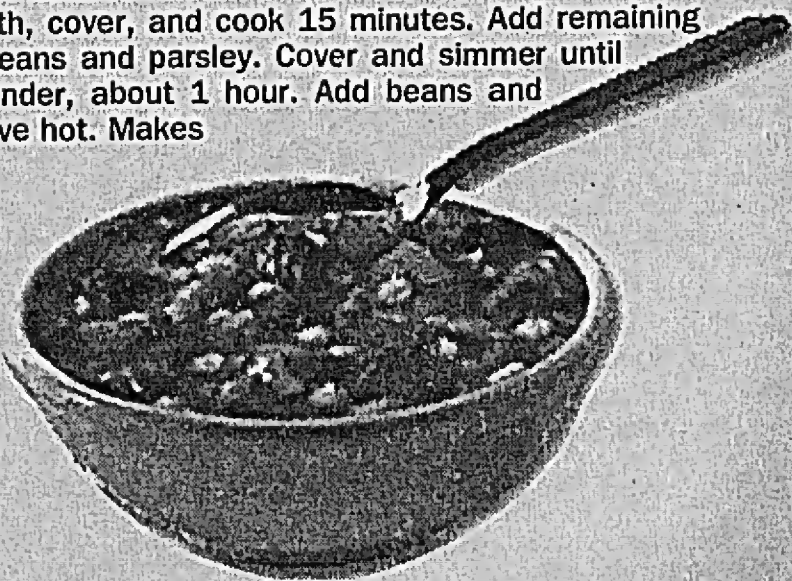
Beef, Barley and Tomato Soup

1 lb. boneless short ribs or beef shank, cubed
6 cups reduced-sodium canned beef broth or 3 cups broth and 3 cups water
2 cups water
1 onion, chopped
1 fennel, trimmed, sliced
2 celery stalks, chopped

1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
1 (14 1/4 oz.) Can tomatoes, chopped
1/2 cup pearl barley
1/2 tsp. dried leaf oregano
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/2 cup cooked kidney beans
2 Tbl. chopped fresh parsley

Brown beef cubes in a 5-quart nonstick Dutch oven or stockpot over medium heat. Add 2 cups of the broth, cover, and cook 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, except kidney beans and parsley. Cover and simmer until meat and vegetables are tender, about 1 hour. Add beans and parsley; cook 5 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 8 (1-cup) servings.

(Note: We simply added all ingredients at once and cooked for 1-1/4 hours before adding the kidney beans and parsley.)



Goldie Hawn speaks at JUF's Vanguard event

Oscar-winning actress Goldie Hawn (second from left) was the featured speaker at the Jewish United Fund's Vanguard dinner, held Nov. 10 at the Hilton Chicago on behalf of the 2004 JUF Campaign. JUF's Vanguard event raised \$3 million for the 2004 campaign; 700 people attended.

With Hawn are Vanguard co-chairwomen (from left to right): Wendy Berger Shapiro of the Gold Coast and Tracy Treger of Lincoln Park. Joseph Wein (far

right) of Highland Park was cochairman of the JUF Young Leadership reception along with Ethan Budin of Deerfield (not pictured). Other Vanguard co-chairpersons (not pictured) are Highland Park residents Joyce Gerstein and John Lowenstein.

Hawn won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in "Cactus Flower" and was nominated for Best Actress for "Private Benjamin."

A Yuletide Courtly Banquet, featuring 'The Ballad of King Windowgiass'

A courtly blanket is how the First Presbyterian Church of Waukegan is billing its pre-Christmas presentation this year. In fact, it is so enthusiastic about the banquet and play by Jack Kurtz that it is presenting it twice. And the public is invited.

"The banquet will feature a royal meal as in days of yore and the sweet sounds of singers and instruments," the official proclamation read. The court players will provide entertainment.

There will be two sittings for the banquet. One will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. The other will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. The banquet will be served in the

Fellowship Hall of the church.

The prices are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and full-time students and \$30 for families. There is no charge for children 5 years old and younger.

Tickets can be purchased between 9 a.m.-p.m. Monday through Friday in the church office at 122 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. Anyone with questions can call 847-662-6483.

As the Rev. David A. Eikenberry, church pastor, put it: "On the weekend before Christmas, the King's Court will gather to remember His birth, to celebrate His reign, and to be glad at the promise of His return."

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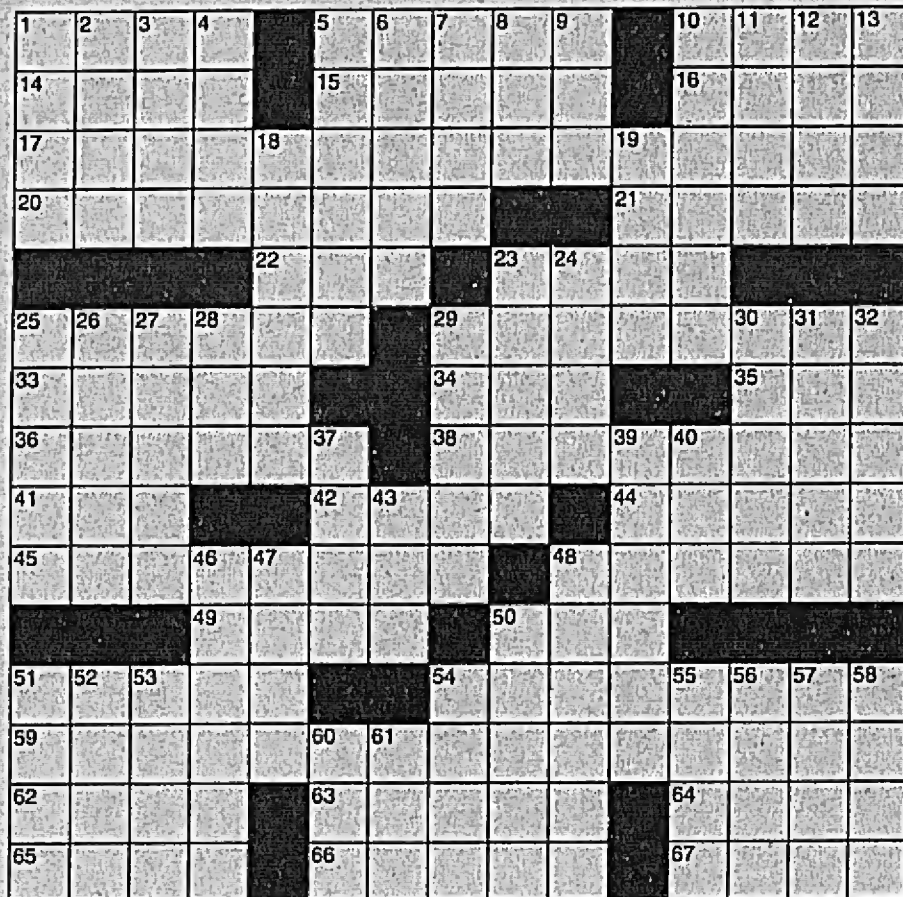
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38. European songbird
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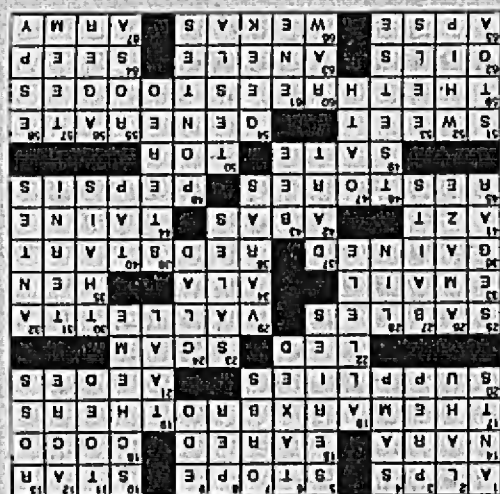
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28. Maya _____ of Vietnam
29. Linear units
30. Citizens of Thailand
31. Three each
32. Stakes
37. Speed
39. Audio system
40. Listen in
43. Spelling or quilting
46. Blood-sucking African fly
47. Curse
48. Connect organs
50. Flux density unit
51. Greek portico
52. Stroke
53. Soft-finned fishes
54. Odd person
55. Magnoliopsid genus

56. Makes older
57. Be active
58. Catch sight of
60. Used of wood and furniture
61. East northeast

Answers



HOROSCOPE

Aries - March 21/April 20

Don't let a run-in with an acquaintance ruin your good mood early in the week, Aries. This person is in a bad mood and is taking it out on you. Don't take it to heart. A close friend has a surprise for you late in the week. Enjoy — you deserve it. Virgo plays an important role.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

You have to be determined if you want to get anything done this week. Don't let a few minor setbacks discourage you. Stay focused, and work hard. That's how you'll get things accomplished. Those closest to you admire your diligence. Cancer plays a key role on Wednesday.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

A close friend gets you mixed up in a difficult situation. Remain calm, and you're sure to come up with a way to get out of this mess. Don't get too angry with this person; he or she doesn't mean to get you involved. That special someone asks you an interesting question on Thursday. Answer him or her honestly.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

Opportunity is knocking on your door early in the week, Cancer. Don't let it slip away. This is the break you've been waiting for — seize it! A loved one has an important message for you; listen to what he or she has to say. It could make a world of difference in your personal life.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Don't back down from a challenge during the middle of the week, Leo. You are more than capable of handling it. Take charge of the situation, and show everyone how strong you really are. Those involved will be impressed with your efforts. You meet an interesting person late in the week. Make plans to see him or her again.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

A lot of people are depending on you this week, Virgo. Don't let them down. If you set your priorities and stay focused on the tasks at hand, you're sure to get everything done. A close friend needs a shoulder to cry on. Be there for him or her.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

While you don't want to take sides, you're going to have to when it comes to an argument between two close friends late in the week, Libra. Listen to both sides of the disagreement, and use common sense. While a friend will be hurt, he or she soon will understand why you made the decision that you did.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

You receive a potentially lucrative business offer this week, Scorpio. While you're enticed, don't make any hasty decisions. There's too much going on right now to make an intelligent choice. Wait until things calm down and you can think clearly. Then, consider the offer.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Early in the week, you meet someone who steals your heart. Don't be afraid to get to know him or her better. Just because you've been hurt in the past doesn't mean that this person will hurt you too. He or she definitely is worth the effort. Scorpio plays an important role on Friday.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Stand your ground when a business associate confronts you about a decision. You know that you're making the right choice. Just explain your reasons rationally, and you're sure to win him or her over to your side. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify the relationship. Say yes — you know that this is what you want.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't be too hasty when it comes to a financial decision early in the week, Aquarius. Get advice from others, and do some research before making your choice. It's the only way to ensure that you make an intelligent decision. A loved one needs your help with a family matter. Do what you can for him or her.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

A friend of a friend needs your help with a personal matter. Offer your assistance, because you know that he or she is too shy to ask for it. Your efforts will be appreciated. That special someone has a surprise for you. Enjoy!

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AT A GLANCE

Carcinogen found in local wells

Wauconda—Health officials are concerned about the presence of vinyl chloride in five private water wells near the former Wauconda Sand & Gravel landfill. "We haven't been able to determine at this time that the source is the landfill," said Mike Kuhn, solid waste specialist for the Lake County Health Department.

Trustee wants licensing program gone

Mundelein—Trustee Ed Sullivan is calling for the elimination of the licensing programs for animals and vehicles. Sullivan said he believes the village licensing program is redundant because animals are required to be licensed by the State Department of Agriculture. The current system for animal tags and village vehicle stickers bring in about \$300,000 a year.

Man charged with forgery

Antioch—An Auto Zone clerk alerted police of a suspicious check that led to the arrest of Levi Heard, 41, of Chicago, on Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.

Heard, who was charged with felony theft, forgery and obstructing police after giving three false names and social security numbers over the course of a six-hour investigation, also has an outstanding warrant in Cook County for forgery and was wanted by the Fugitive Apprehension Unit of Cook County for failing to comply with house arrest.

Group says spend \$20 million on school

Gurnee—Members of a citizens' committee have studied in-depth the facility needs of the two Warren Township High School campuses. Now the group will strongly recommend to the school board on Dec. 16 that the district borrow up to \$20 million to address building needs.

O'Plaine's enrollment is expected to increase by 139 students next year, and Almond is expected to grow by 209. Currently 1,988 students attend O'Plaine and 1,637 students attend Almond.

O'Plaine will need at least three new classrooms and one science lab room to accommodate the extra students, according to school administrators.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The editorial department at Lakeland Media is putting together an effort to help Lake County residents in need.

This drive, called the B.E.L.T. Loop (Bettering Everyone's Lives Together), has already gathered many boxes of winter clothes to help Lake County residents.

Lakeland Newspapers, at 30 S. Whitney St., in downtown Grayslake, is the drop-off point for winter coats and accessories, which will be donated directly.

Feel free to bring items to Lakeland between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The editorial department thanks you for your help.

Flu virus ravaging vaccine supplies

By CAREL SCHMIDLKOFER
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Lake County health officials are experiencing unusually high demands for flu vaccinations as an aggressive new strain of the virus is causing near-panic reactions.

The Fujian strain of influenza has rocked western states, with the death of several children attributed to the virus, prompting national health officials to call this the worst flu season in decades.

This year's influenza vaccination is not specifically targeted for the Fujian strain, however officials theorize it could offer some protection against it.

The 80 million doses of the vaccine that was expected to adequately provide for the country is now not enough as reports of the new, virulent strain increase consumer fears.

"We don't know what kinds of demands will be created in the next few weeks because of concerns over the flu," said Bill Mays, community health services director of the county's health department.

Lake County has approximately 2,000 doses of the vaccine available.

Of that amount, 1,500 is earmarked for disadvantaged children, and 500 doses will be given to those aged 50 years and older and those over 18 years who are chronically ill.

"We have never been able to offer vaccines to everybody," Mays said.

That is because tax dollars are used to purchase the vaccine and most people can obtain flu shots from their own physicians through their health plans.

When medical offices run out of their supplies, people turn to the health department for the vaccine, Mays said. And they can't provide the vaccine unless those individuals fall within the perimeter of their requirements.

Mays estimated the health department has fielded approximately 2,000 requests for the vaccine in the past week.

According to health department spokesperson, Leslie Piotrowski, two area hospitals have reported 83 cases of influenza as of Dec. 8.

Officials are recommending people practice good health habits to protect themselves as much as

'We have never been able to offer vaccines to everybody'

Bill Mays
Community health services director

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Guiding spirit

Grant Community High School freshman Courtney Siddons helps 5-year-old Devynn Dominguez with her cheers at a Bulldog Cheerleading Clinic for youths at the Fox Lake school. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

Bauer may defer to Depke

Incumbent might give ex-county supervisor a leg up in 4-way race

By JEFF ZACHARY
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The race for the Lake County Board District 6 Republican nomination is up for grabs, with four candidates set to begin their campaigns.

Candidates who have already filed are former County Board Chairman Robert Depke, former board member Larry Leafblad and Grayslake businessman Bryan Gutraj. Incumbent Don Bauer said he intends to file Dec. 15.

Bauer defeated Leafblad, 61, in the 2002 GOP District 6 primary by 17 votes.

Leafblad said that in the 2004 election, there are only two issues: taxes and traffic.

Depke, 74, said he does not want to publicly comment on why he is running until after everyone has filed.

Gutraj, 28, commented on his candidacy. "It is time for a new generation of leaders to come forward and address the issues facing our county, our state, and our country," he said. "Serving in public office is not an entitlement in this nation. It involves gaining the respect of your constituency and maintaining that trust by listening to and tirelessly representing their interests in government. It is that respect I hope to have earned through my work growing up in the community, my extensive community involvement, and (the) business relationships I have developed."

Bauer, 69, said he is waiting until Dec. 15 to file. "I'm still going to file, but I will talk to the party representatives and see who they want to support," he said. "If they decide they want to support Depke and Gutraj agrees to drop out then I'll drop out. But if Gutraj stays in, I will stay in. The main thing is, I would rather that Leafblad not win."



Depke:
Former county chair to join Dist. 6 fray.



Bauer:
Incumbent will wait to file for reelection.



Gutraj: Calls for new generation of leadership.



Leafblad:
Hopes for better showing in 2nd bid.

As of Dec. 10, the following candidates have officially filed to run in local elections:

Lake County Board District 1

*Judy Martini (R)
Anita Merkel Dyer (R)
Wayne Blake (R)

District 5

Jim Farrell (R)
*Bonnie Thomson Carter (R)

District 6

*Lawrence (Larry) Leafblad (R)
Robert W. Depke (R)
Bryan A. Gutraj (R)

District 10

*Diana O'Kelly (R)

District 11

John H. Nickels (D)
George S. Kinser (D)
*Sandy Cole (R)

District 14

*Audrey Nixon (D)

District 16

*Robert E. "Bob" Powers (R)
Michelle M. Daye (R)

Lake County Circuit Court Clerk

*Sally D. Coffelt (R)

Lake County Coroner

Sophia M. Schild (D)
Richard L. Keller (D)
*James "Jim" Wipper (R)

Lake County State's Attorney

*Michael J. Waller (R)

North Shore Sanitary District

Ward 2

*Stephen J. Drew (D)

Ward 3

Effie Wroten (D)
*John J. Jurkovic, Sr. (D)

*Incumbent

Source: Lake County Clerk's office at www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck

Officials pepper board on hospital closing

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
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Although nothing was to be decided at the Illinois Senate Health and Human Services Committee Hearing on Waukegan hospital consolidation, the three-and-a-half-hour-long meeting was loaded with emotion, as those testifying were subject to aggressive questioning from State Sen. Terry Link (D-Vernon Hills) and State Rep. Eddie Washington (D-Waukegan), both openly opposed to the closing of St. Therese.

Washington, whose protest rally against the St. Therese closure was lightly attended, launched a verbal offensive against Vista's position, using emotionally loaded language to make his point.

"Is there anything the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board can do to stop the abortion of St. Therese?" he asked the agency's executive secretary, Jeffrey Mark. "It is being dismantled from the inside."

Mark assured Washington that "no hospital in the state can discontinue a service without the approval of the board."

Mark told the committee that his board would, in case of a closure

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Filing in

Lake County Board member Judy Martini (R-Antioch) waits in line at the Lake County Building with Dr. Sophia Schild and Randolph Schild, both of Mundelein, in order to be first to file their petitions for candidacy for the March 16 primary elections. Martini is running for reelection for the board's District 1, Dr. Sophia Schild is running for Lake County Coroner and Randolph Schild filed petitions to be a precinct committeeman.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Bean makes call for higher congressional accountability

By JEFF ZACHARY
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Although she will not formally announce her candidacy until January, Democrat Melissa Bean said she will make a second run for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Illinois 8th District.

Bean was defeated by Republican incumbent Phil Crane (R-Wauconda) in the 2002 general election.

"We came closer than anyone yet in his 34-year tenure," Bean said. "Which I think says something about the voters' receptivity to change."

Running on a platform of responsiveness, openness and congressional accountability, Bean said she will again challenge Crane to a series of debates.

"Last time he wouldn't accept a single debate," Bean said. "He is a Congressman who has been hiding out for years. He does not want people to know where he stands or what his legislative voting record is or is not."

Bean, 41, a businesswoman who resides in Barrington, said she is concerned about congressional spending and that she understands what

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) meant when he said on national television recently that members of the Republican-controlled Congress are currently spending money like drunken sailors.

"There is definitely a borrow-and-spend mentality gone amok in Congress, and Phil Crane is right there with them," Bean said. "They're spending money we don't have, and that fiscal irresponsibility is going to catch up with us. There is no doubt in my mind that I am definitely the fiscal conservative in this race."

Bean added that she believes she is more attuned to the concerns of the average 8th-district resident than Crane is.

"I think our priorities are more aligned. When I talk to people about their priorities, they talk about job security, they talk about health care, they talk about quality education and they talk about a livable environment. In these areas I am more in line with the people in (wanting to



Bean

ensure) that their children and my children are going to have the same or better opportunities than we grew up with," Bean said.

"Most people I know are working two to three times harder than they ever have to earn the same or less money, and that is an issue," she added.

Richard Hammes, the only other Democrat to announce he would run for the 8th-District seat, withdrew his candidacy in October.

Bean has the support of Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.). "Clearly, members of both parties recognize that Phil Crane is out of touch with his constituents," Bean said. "This district has changed since he was first elected 34 years ago, and the voters are ready for independent, moderate leadership."

In the 2002 election Bean received 43 percent of the vote. Bean earned her B.A. in political science from Roosevelt University. She and her husband, Alan, have two daughters, Victoria and Michelle, who attend District 220 schools.

County board may revamp current permit process

By CAREL SCHMIDLKOFER
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Lake County board members were briefed on ways to improve current permit procedures Dec. 5.

Zucker Systems, an independent consulting firm, conducted a \$124,000 study of the county's per-

mit and development review processes.

The report included 197 recommendations for departments in planning, building and development, public works, environmental health, the division of transportation and storm-water management.

County staff members have

been categorizing those recommendations into actions that could be utilized within each department over the past month.

Over 2,000 customers, 106 employees and 73 county board members were interviewed for the report.

Strengths found were compe-

tent and dedicated staff members and a relatively sophisticated system of procedures and regulations.

However, there were problems with the transfer of calls from customers to the proper person by employees, the report said.

The county should also consider incorporating more technology and

creating a formal structure to pull everything together.

Incorporating a system coordinator was recommended.

"You need to focus on what you're doing and you need a position to help clarify that," Paul Zucker, president of Zucker Systems, told board members.

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New Catholic school names principal

Officials of St. Martin de Porres High School—the first new Catholic high school scheduled to open in Lake County in 40 years—announced the appointment of Rev. Paul Sims as its first principal.

Sims will assume his role as principal in January 2004. The school is scheduled to open in August 2004.

"Father Sims has a clear vision and understanding of the unique needs of our students," said R.J. McMahon, president of St. Martin de Porres. "His commitment to Catholic education, exemplary academic background and belief in our application of the Cristo Rey model make him a perfect fit for us."

Sims, 46, has held leadership roles in Chicago-area Catholic Schools for more than a decade. Most recently, he served as dean of students at Archbishop Quigley Prep Seminary for the past three years. From 1990 to 1999, he taught Religion classes at Gordon Tech High School on Chicago's Northwest side, where he previously had taught and served as director of student activities from 1985 to 1988.

St. Martin de Porres is a four-year college prep school modeled on the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago's working-class Pilsen neighborhood. Students will participate in a corporate internship program to help defray the cost of their tuition.



Sims



Safe-a-pet

Lake County Animal Control Officer Renee Wright (right) and Animal Control worker Crystal Shane finish placing a microchip on "Syriss" who is owned by Nick Wasniewski. Microchips can help identify animals if they are ever lost, and were offered along with vaccinations during a clinic hosted by the Grayslake 4-H Club with the help of Lake County Animal Control.— Photo by J.W. Sternick

Civic organization names officers

Members of the Lake County Community Civic Organization elected Torrie Mark Newsome as its president. Newsome is an assistant state's attorney and chairman of the Waukegan Township Republican Organization, President of the Organization.

Other officers elected included:

Leon Shamlin, vice president; Katherine Rothwell-Francis, secretary; Doloras Geater, assistant secretary; Johnny Gardner, treasurer; Al Gardner, community chairman; Roberta Pink, membership chairman; Gladys Caldwell, assistant membership chairman and Naomi Jarmon, hospitality chairman.

County approves move to double-up tax money

By CAREL SCHMIDKOFER
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Lake County officials will be asking voters for a quarter-cent sales tax increase this March.

If the referendum passes, an additional \$15 million would be raised annually to be used for county road improvements. This would more than double existing funds for road projects.

Board members unanimously approved the resolution Nov. 9 as presented by the Public Works and Transportation committee, who worked jointly with the financial administrative committee on the proposal.

Money will be used to alleviate county traffic problems with new projects, widening existing roads and improving intersections. Projects that have been allotted funding won't benefit from the increase.

The county could also generate more money for road projects by using the income to pay off low-interest loans.

Improvement projects could include roads maintained by state and municipal governments.

The new tax would add an additional 25 cents in sales tax for every \$100 spent in the county with the exception of food, medicine and items such as cars. These items are exempted by state law. Residents already spend 25 cents in sales tax for every \$100 spent on local goods.

Officials estimate the average resident would pay an about \$20

per year with the new tax.

Three board members, while supporting the proposal, voiced concerns over funding for their districts.

Mary Ross Cunningham (D-Waukegan), Audrey Nixon (D-North Chicago) and Angelo Kyle (D-Waukegan) had met previously with Marty Buehler, director of the county's division of transportation, to ensure dollars would be used in their districts when needed.

They have asked Buehler to meet with Waukegan and North Chicago officials to explain how the sales tax increase will benefit their communities.

"I have to make sure that these projects are going to be dealt with fairly," Nixon said. "A lot of times North Chicago is left out on a lot of things. I have to make sure that North Chicago is given some projects in my district."

In creating the proposal, committees considered research from Evanston-based Richard Day Research, Inc. which included a survey of 600 voters who had participated in recent elections.

With the biggest concern of voters polled being traffic congestion, 62 percent of those surveyed supported the increase to pay for road improvements.

The referendum will be included on the general primary election ballot March 16, and officials are now focusing on educating voters.

"We need to work hard to get this information out to the voters," said County Administrator, Barry Burton.



Nixon: Says some county money should go to North Chicago, too.

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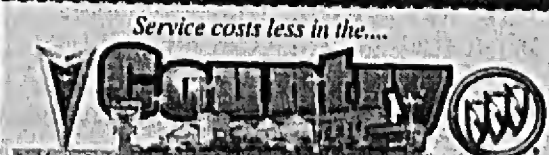
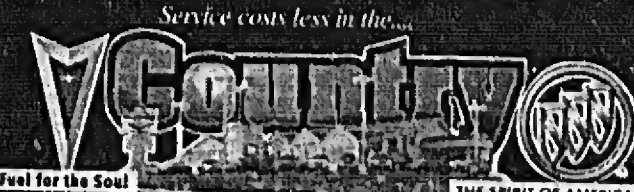


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EDITORIALS

Time to accept hospital decision

A good bit of the questions raised and the opposition to plans of Vista Health to consolidate Provena Saint Therese Medical Center and Victory Memorial come from the heart. That's to be expected, given the three-quarter of a century of good and faithful service provided by Saint Therese. There comes a time, though, when reality has to be faced and we think that time is now.

It's time to end the questioning, soul searching and frankly, political posturing, that has gone into the debate over the decision of Vista Health leadership to consolidate the two fine hospitals at the Victory location. It's time to accept the decision of the Vista leadership. As Vista Health Chief Executive Officer Tim Harrington so aptly put it, it's time to consider the financial and structural health of the two hospitals. Vista Health leadership came to the decision many months ago that consolidation at one location is in the best interests of all.

Vista Health has pledged to invest \$35 million in the expansion of Victory to combine the best of both hospitals. The result will be the creation of a state-of-the-art facility at the Victory site that will fulfill the mission of providing quality care for host city Waukegan and Lake County.

Part of the Vista strategy is to build a full service hospital in Lindenhurst, which would serve a double purpose: upgrading medical facilities for west Lake County and provide a profit center to cover losses incurred in serving public aid patients in Waukegan. Victory and St. Therese lost a combined \$12 million last year due to higher payroll costs and the shortfall in Medicaid reimbursements.

Consolidation requires approval of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, but that is considered a formality given the economic realities of trying to keep two major hospitals going in Waukegan.

For Saint Therese loyalists, and we consider ourselves in this category, it should be good to know that the traditions of the religious-based medical facility will continue to play a big part in how the combined medical facility operates. For the many well-meaning persons who have joined in the Saint Therese-Victory debate, it should be comforting to note that there will be long-term healthcare rewards to accompany the immediate benefits of consolidation.

Modern rarity: a popular tax

If there ever was a "slam dunk" tax increase proposition, it's the referendum planned for March 19 for a quarter-cent sales tax that would raise a projected \$14 million annually for local road improvements. Motorists are so starved for better driving conditions, a favorable outcome is predictable. An opinion poll showed nearly two-thirds of the respondents supporting the tax for better roads.

The money raised would be funneled into county coffers and used for county-wide improvements. This means improvements would be to highways under the jurisdiction of the Lake County Division of Transportation plus any partnerships that would be arranged with state and village highway departments.

Sorry, folks. No Rte. 53.

Marty Buehler, Lake County highway chief, described highway upgrades as "traffic flow improvements." The new dollars are not designated for highway building. The money will be going for widening and modernization of intersections. Not resurfacing, either, Buehler stressed in expressing jubilation that the highway tax question will be put before voters. The expected \$14 million would double current county spending on highway improvements.

The ballot question is being carefully crafted to exclude groceries and medicine while complying with an exemption for big-ticket purchases like boats and cars that are protected under state statute.

County Chair Suzi Schmidt echoed the sentiments of elected officials in general that the referendum affords the public an opportunity to speak out. A byproduct of the referendum will be extensive lobbying for specific projects. As it should be. Voters are certain to be intrigued by the possibility of a "get your say when you're asked to pay" proposition.

Union leaders and the road construction industry are among early supporters of the tax measure because the program will generate jobs and business. At this juncture, it's difficult to conceive of serious opposition developing considering Lake County's highway mess. As County Administrator Barry Burton put it, the prospective highway tax "is a very big step forward." Finally,



VIEWPOINT

Voice of Packers sours Bear visitors

Disconsolate Bear fans, returning from a season-killing defeat at Green Bay, reported that Packer fans haven't yet forfeited their reputation as being some of the most obnoxious in sportsdom.

Often described as being "zealous" and "fanatical," behavior of far too many Packer backers game day in a word can be expressed as "disgusting." Make that two words. "Really disgusting."

Taking the cake, as they say, was a 20-something male at the latest Bear-Packer clash who appeared to have started tailgating about 24 hours before game time. With his food intake all high octane alcohol, at kickoff he could hardly stand, but he still could yell. Just about every imaginable obscenity spewed out of the super-fan's mouth. He only took time out to catch his breath and inject fresh dip. Mr. Packer Jerk ran the gamut of insults from A to Z, taking special delight in a voice of fog-horn velocity, onlookers related, disparaging various parts of the female anatomy. Besides, the guy smelled like he had taken a pre-game nap on a manure pile.

Nearby Packer loyalists, including a group of grandmothers, chose to ignore the boorish behavior. Were they numb? Part of the Green Bay sideshow?

After the game turned sour for



BILL SCHROEDER
Publisher

Bear backers in the second half, it was easy for many of them to head home early, especially those who had to put up with the vocal tirade of the nauseating spectator with bad manners, bad language and bad, bad BO.

Time to clean up that act.

Timeless message

Larry Zanko, a retired art teacher, and his wife, Marge, have been designing and producing their own holiday cards since 1955, the year they were married. Their first prints were handmade using linoleum block and a hand-lever press. Some years they silk-screened their greeting card. The process took a lot of elbow grease and often involved their children, Mike and Pam.

Zanko, who formerly was head of the art department at North Chicago High School, marvels at how changing technology has made their annual project easier. Photo offset changed the Zanko card drastically. Today, the entire reproduction process is delegated to an insty printer. No fuss, no muss. But, as Larry notes, the sentiment hasn't changed a bit. Still a message of peace and joy, and a warm greeting for a Christmas filled with love and happiness.

Like it or lump it

Don Permoda feels he has gone about as far as possible in his quest to determine the municipality's responsibility in holding the cable company with its monopoly status to higher performance standards. The Island Lake resident said the moral of the story is that no conditions were put into the franchise agreement to curb exorbitant price increases. So cable costs will always go in one direction. Up. In Permoda's opinion, franchise agreements are designed to collect fees, not protect citizens from exploitation. Permoda ruefully noted that a communication from the village attorney advised that patrons always have the option of terminating service if they don't like the deal they're getting from the cable company. So there!

Truth in packaging—for bottled water

In the epic poem, the Ancient Mariner, Samuel Coleridge wrote, "Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink." At a recent meeting of the Senate Health and Human Services Subcommittee, Sen. Susan Garrett (Lake Forest-D) in effect said, "Bottled water is everywhere—but from where, and is it all fit to drink?"

At the public hearing which she chaired, Sen. Garrett was challenging the bottled water industry to answer her concerns about the health and safety of bottled water. She believes that when a company advertises that their water comes from a pure spring, consumers ought to be assured that the water comes from that source, rather than from a well, or a municipal water source.

Bottled water is one of the fastest growing products on shelves all across America. Its growth is attributed to consumers' concerns about calories in soft drinks, their realization that water is good for their health, and their belief that bottled water may be safer and tastier than "tap water." It is estimated that Americans drank an



SEEING IT THROUGH
John S. Matijevich

average of 21.5 gallons of bottled water last year, more than 6 billion gallons.

The day may come when the bottled water industry will pass by the soft drink industry. There won't be any "tag days," for the soft drink companies as most of them have their brands of bottled water, too.

Sen. Susan Garrett is asking the right questions. Shouldn't consumers know from which source the bottled water comes from? If a source is labeled as such on the bottle, shouldn't it come from that source, such as spring water from a named spring in Canada, or elsewhere? Shouldn't consumers be assured that their bottled water meets purity and safety standards?

The bottled industry was growing so rapidly that there were always rumors that much of the bottled water on the market was "treated tap water." Sure enough, one of the bottled water representatives who testified at Sen. Garrett's hearing said that the sources of some of his company's water came from a spring, while some is drawn from Chicago's municipal water supply. In other words, you may be drinking Lake Michigan water in two forms, from your kitchen tap or from bottled water you may have purchased. Don't you think that "truth in advertising" should be followed and labeling on bottled water should identify to you where the water comes from?

Of course, the bottled water industry representatives, in unison, testified that the state should not regulate its industry because the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates bottled water since it is designated as a food product. If bottled water is a food product, is tap water

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PARTY LINES

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Democrat candidate not liberal enough

Bill Scheurer, Democratic challenger to unseat Republican Congressman Phil Crane in the 8th Congressional District, has run into two unexpected obstacles.

The 25 year resident of Lake County who now resides in Lindenhurst is the victim of a whispering campaign about his personal finances plus pressure to withdraw from **Melissa Bean** of Barrington who was defeated by Crane two years ago.

Bean is contending that Schuerer's views don't represent 8th District voters. Schuerer (pronounced "sure") describes himself as a "fiscal conservative and social liberal."

Schuerer, who is running as a peace candidate, opposes war in Iraq and is criticizing Congress for supporting military intervention. He has worked as a lay minister, lawyer and small business owner.

Impartial observers say Schuerer, although a political newcomer, is doing impressive "ground work," knocking on doors and meeting electors one on one. The 8th District includes three-quarters of Lake County and northwest Cook County in the Arlington Heights area.

Change Reagan event

Members of the Lake County Republican Federation have backed away from an early fund raising dinner in February to honor **President Reagan's** birth to make room for the annual Grant Township Lincoln Day dinner Saturday, Feb. 14. Reagan will be honored at a later date, stated Federation Executive Director **Cheryl Johnson**.

Republican feud

In laying claim to the Republican



Bean:
Wants clear
path for
nomination to
congress.



Schmidt:
Gets tools ready
to make sure
garage opens.

Assembly of Lake County being the "only truly grass roots Republican organization," Assembly Chairman **Ray True** has launched a feud with Lake County GOP Chairman **Tom Adams**. In an organization newsletter, True chided the Federation for "selling \$2,500 tables at Marriott Lincolnshire political dinners," while the Assembly turned out 200 persons for a free forum of U.S. Senate candidates. The Assembly also has turned its guns on State Rep. **Mark Beaubien** (R-Barrington Hills) for voting to override the governor's veto of an effort to water down the Tax Cap Law.

Lab needs space

Officials of the Northern Illinois Police Crime Laboratory took a pass on the \$2.4 million price tag hung on maintaining a home with the Highland Park Police Dept. which is getting a new building. The lab has been located in Highland Park since its inception two decades ago. It is sponsored

by 37 member communities. New space, either in a current building or a building site, is being sought near the Lake-Cook county line. Proposals should be forwarded to Lake Bluff Police Chief **Bill Gallagher** or Libertyville Police Chief **Pat Carey**.

McKenna endorsements

Republican U.S. Senate candidate **Andy McKenna** lauded the endorsements of six key Lake County Republican and civic leaders. Those endorsing McKenna include Waukegan Township GOP Chair **Torrie Newsome** as well as all of the Republican aldermen from the City of Waukegan, **Larry TenPas**, **Edith "Edie" Newsome**, and **Patrick Needham**. McKenna also earned the endorsements of Wadsworth Village Trustee **Mary Carmody** and College of Lake County Trustee **William Griffin**.

Newsome and Griffin will serve as Lake County regional co-coordinators.

County memo

To: **Barry Burton**, county administrator
From: Chairman
Re: Opening of County Building parking garage on or before Jan. 1, 2004.

County Chair **Suzi Schmidt** declared, "That's the administrator's challenge. I'll have a screw driver ready and personally take down the gates if the parking area isn't opened." The County Building parking facility was closed to the public as a security measure by the sheriff following 9-11.

Watch and see

Political soothsayers are having a picnic with this scenario for the Republican nomination for County Board in District 6—With

former Rep. **Larry Leafblad** back in the race to regain his seat, longtime Leafblad protagonist **Bob Depke** steps up. Depke forces clear the way for a two-way clash by getting incumbent Rep. **Don Bauer** (R-Round Lake Park) to bow out and doing some arm-twisting to get challenger **Brian Gutraj** to reconsider. Otherwise the GOP clash in the central Lake County District will be a three-man—or four-man—battle.

Bible Week

When Mayor **James Eschenbauch** declared Nov. 23 Bible Week in the village, at least one resident challenged the declaration.

Joe Bogacz wanted equal time for other books such as the Torah included.

"You're indicating a preference for one particular faith," Bogacz told the mayor at a village board meeting. "That is a violation of the First Amendment."

"Everybody reads the Bible," Eschenbauch said. "It covers anybody."

When Bogacz asked if there would be a proclamation for Koran week and Torah week, Eschenbauch asked, "For what?"

"I think all faiths read the Bible," Eschenbauch said. "I'll take it under advisement."

Come one, come all

Congressman **Phil Crane** has extended an open invitation to a holiday reception from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18 at Mill Creek Banquets, 333 W. Mill St., Wauconda. Persons planning on attending are asked to bring a non-perishable item for the Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry, Zion. RSVP's are requested by calling 847-991-7445.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Affordable housing

Iwould like to correct the information printed in the Party Line column of Nov. 20 regarding Highland Park's affordable housing efforts. The Highland Park affordable housing project town homes alluded to in the column will be marketed at prices ranging from about \$132,800-\$200,000, targeting households with incomes of between \$45,000 and \$75,000 or approximately 60-100 percent of the Chicago area median income. These prices are possible in an area of extremely high land values because of assistance from the Highland Park Housing Trust Fund to the tune of \$335,800, plus help from the Lake County Affordable Housing Program and other affordable housing funders, which will subsidize the cost to make the units affordable to income-qualified buyers. In addition, families may also receive down payment assistance from the first time homebuyer program operated by the Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County. The program is structured so that the units will remain affordable in perpetuity, thereby maximizing the investment of public dollars and ensuring lasting benefit for the community.

It is important to note that Highland Park's affordable housing efforts are an outgrowth of its master planning process and embody a number of strategies to address the dearth of affordable housing in the commu-

nity, and to promote diversity by providing housing options.

*Anne Flanigan Bassi
Lake County Board
District 23, Highland Park*

Crane's absences

Citizens expect our elected officials on all levels to stand up and fight for what is right. Being absent and not voting, is inexcusable.

In March of 2000, HR 2372 was introduced by supporters of the National Homebuilders Association to allow developers and landowners to bypass all local municipal and state ordinances, instead arguing in federal courts. Imagine the right of community citizens to fight proposed developments being taken away at the local level.

This bill was opposed by all municipal and state governments, major environmental and religious organizations. The House passed the bill 226-182 on March 16, 2000.

Congressman Crane was one of 26 marked absent.

Crane has been absent for many key votes, such as:

Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, HR 3525, May 8, 2002; Welfare Reform Extension Act, helping recipients back to work, HR 2350, June 11, 2003; To store Nuclear Waste at Yucca Mountain, HJ Res 87, twice, May 8, 2002 and March 22,

2000; Defense Budget accounting for 1/6th of entire federal budget, July 8, 2003; China Permanent Trade Relations Amendment to allow imports of Chinese assault weapons and ammunitions, circumventing the US 1994 weapon ban, HR 4444, May 10, 2000; Superfund of 1980, the most important environmental bill ever to require polluters to clean up toxic waste rather than taxpayers, HR 7020, Dec. 3, 1980; and Pesticide Control Act of 1972, prohibiting DDT and other chemicals, HR 10729, Nov. 9, 1971.

Bills may be verified online at www.thomas.loc.gov.

*Dennis L. Jahnke
Island Lake*

Stop horn blasts

Does this make any sense? Thousands of people's sleep is disturbed every night by trains blasting their horns all the way through Lake Villa and Grayslake. They do this on the off-chance that some moron will try to race around the gates.

If flashing lights, clanging bells and lowered gates don't stop him, neither will horns.

Should law-abiding citizens, asleep in their beds, be blasted awake just to prevent some idiot from harm caused by his own poor judgement? I think not.

If you agree with me, voice your feelings to your representatives. Let's get this nonsense stopped.

*Pat Renis
Grayslake*

Hidden agenda

I read in your newspaper a letter signed by seven Lake County Forest Preserve District Commissioners who are concerned about access to our Forest Preserve facilities, in this case Brae Loch. We are all concerned. But the truth of the matter is that the commissioners who signed the letter about catering contracts have a hidden agenda.

First of all, why would the chairman of the Lake County Health Committee, Sandy Cole, the vice-chairman of that committee, Steve Carlson, and committee member Bob Powers, be opposed to a contract with a certified and insured caterer? If the public is allowed to bring in their own food, who pays if someone gets sick and files a

lawsuit? I'll tell you who, we do, the taxpayers.

How's this for a hidden agenda? Commissioner Don Bauer, has a brother in the catering business and Mr. Bauer has kept it no secret that besides free golf, he wants the Lake County Forest Preserve District catering business for his family. Judy Martini, friend, the mayor of Antioch, also has a catering business and she would like to see him get a piece of the action, too. Commissioner Randy Whitmore shares similar interests with the people at Midlane Country Club. They also would like the Forest Preserve catering business.

Let's read between the lines and see who is serving whom. Sounds more like self-serving to me.

The other 16 Forest Preserve Commissioners are in favor of awarding contracts based on a fair bidding system. To them I say, thank you for protecting our interests and keep up the good work.

*Connie Hoth
Lake Villa*

Marsh protectors

Now that the Fairfield Marsh has been restored to hopefully its natural state, the Village of Round Lake Heights would like to thank all the people that made this happen. First of all I would like to thank Mike Warner from Stormwater Management for all his help as this project would have never got off the ground without his involvement and participation. And also hiring Hey and Associates for fixing the problem.

Also, Pat Bleck, engineer for the Village of Round Lake Heights. All the residents around the Fairfield Marsh that are in Round Lake Heights and also those that surround Round Lake Heights in unincorporated areas. Their help was tremendous in the areas as to clean up and working together to solve the problem.

A special thank you to both Pasquinelli Development and Neumann Homes, which neither one of them were contacted by myself but they both went out of their way to contact us to see what they could do to help. Each developer donated \$5,000 to fix the problem and without their donation this project could not of went as fast as it did.

*Terry Lumpkin, Mayor
Village of Round Lake Heights*

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considered a food product, too? Or did the bottled water industry lobby to include bottled water as a food, so that it would be regulated by the FDA rather than by the states?

By fighting labeling requirements and further state regulations to ensure to consumers the health and safety of their products, the bottled water industry is inviting more lawsuits and more revelations of misleading advertising and false claims of their water sources or purity. If they don't take these steps voluntarily, they will find that law suits and state laws will force them to do so. Their opposition now will lead consumers to

rightly ask, "What do they have to hide?" Just as importantly, aren't they interested in standing by the health and safety of their product?

Sen. Susan Garrett should be commended for bringing up the subject of the health and safety of bottled water into public focus. Her hearing was, she said, a fact-finding one. It puts the bottled water industry on notice. They owe an obligation to all consumers and their industry is being watched for potential oversight by states. Truly, Sen. Garrett has said to the bottled water industry, "Clean up your act." And the public will be the better for it.

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VIRUS

possible from contracting the virus, as those in good health have a better chance of resisting the flu.

Including fruits, vegetables, poultry and fish into the diet is beneficial, Piotrowski said, as is washing hands for at least 20 seconds before meals and frequently throughout the day. Be physically active, get adequate sleep and consume plenty of fluids.

The health department is providing flu vaccinations to those aged 50 years and older, 18 years and older with a chronic illness and children between the ages of 6-23 months of age Tuesday, Dec. 16 at the Waukegan Township Senior Center from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The center is located at 414 S. Lewis in Waukegan.

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HOSPITAL

or merger, assess the impact on the community.

"The applicant is required to document that alternatives have been considered," he said.

Vista Chief Financial Officer Jim McNichol explained that Vista CEO Tim Harrington was absent from the hearing because his attendance was required at an arbitration hearing to determine the corporation's obligation to Provena, the Catholic-based health care organization that owns title to St. Therese, and that originally partnered with Victory Health to form Vista.

McNichol told the committee that the hospital was losing \$1 million each month because of its current payer mix.

He reiterated the corporation's stance that Vista "can no longer afford to offer redundant services three miles apart."

He noted the increased number of beds overall that would result from the consolidation, and said, "It is important to note that when we talk about consolidation, we are not

talking about subtraction."

Link questioned the Vista board's refusal of State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis' (R-Zion) offer of a "free" second architectural review to determine if the assumption that it was more expensive to consolidate at St. Therese than at Victory was accurate.

"If two doctors tell me to have surgery, I'm going to have surgery," said Link.

Speaking for Legat, William E. Steed asserted that the architect's survey of the hospitals has taken months. Vista board members have indicated that time is of the essence, as the hospitals continue to lose more money each month they are not consolidated.

He noted St. Therese was the preferred location, with advantages including access and parking, until analysis determined the cost of consolidating there would be \$49 million, as opposed to \$32 million at Victory Memorial.

He also noted there were more long-term costs associated with the St. Therese location, as well as problems with the structure design that were not up to current standards.

Those opposing the closure included Dr. Gerald Havey. Citing 44 years of experience as a physician, with 23 of them spent at St.

Therese and on staff at Victory, he said he considered St. Therese vital to Lake County in its service to the indigent.

Havey challenged Vista's assertion that there have been no interested buyers for St. Therese, citing the "offer" made by GSI Securitization of Princeton, N.J.

McNichol said GSI had never made a bona fide offer, but said the company would put a certain sum in escrow while it explored the possibility. The offer was made to Provena, which still holds title to St. Therese, pending the outcome of the arbitration involved in dissolving the Provena-Victory partnership.

College earns honors

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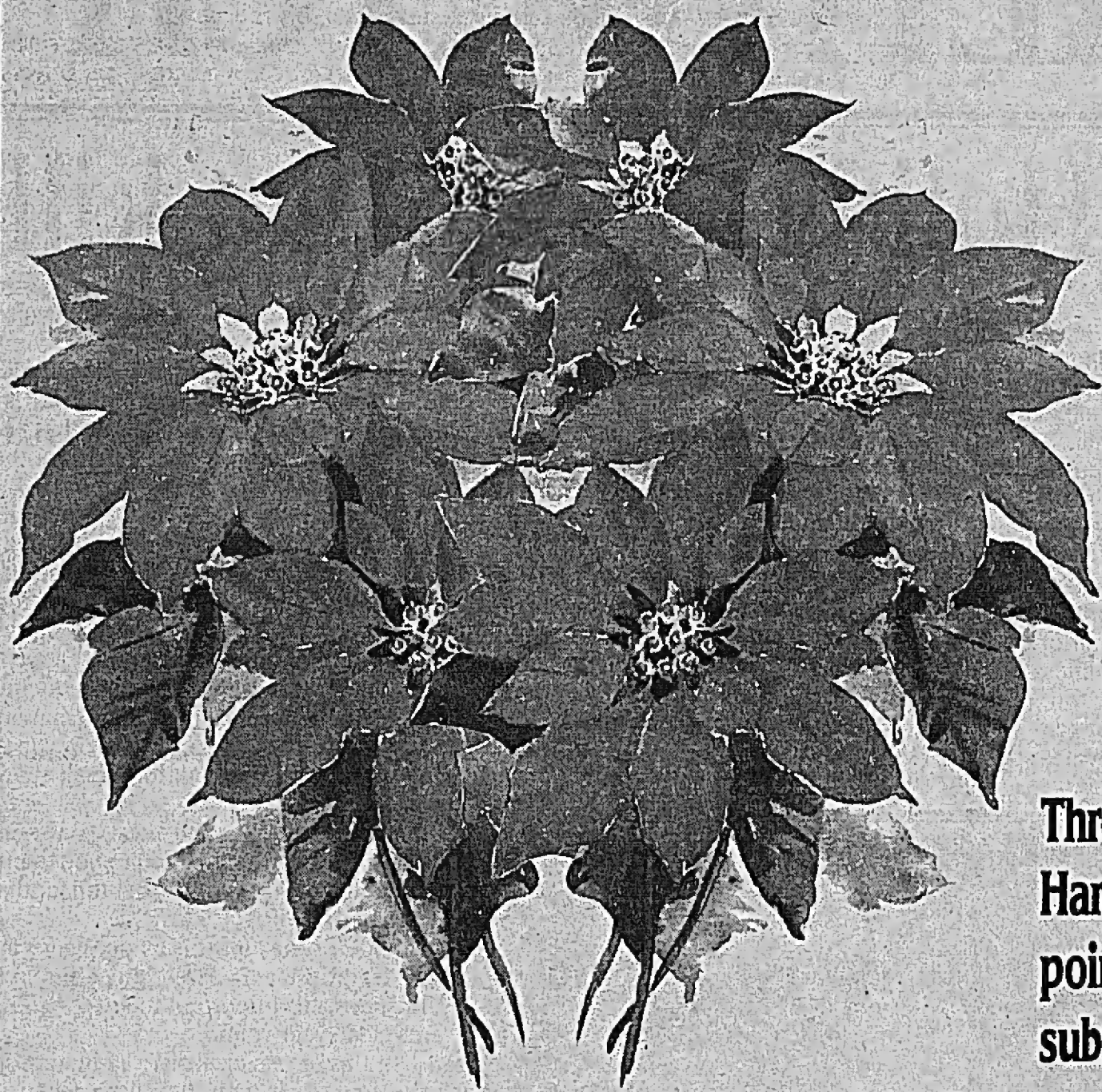
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Adult fitness classes

Centre Club hosts Adult Fitness Classes from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Prairie View Park Building, 16652 Port Clinton Rd., Vernon Township. This class is the former Senior Fitness class that was held at the Condell Acute Care Center in Buffalo Grove. A certified Centre Club instructor leads exercises to music from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The cost is \$3 per class. The first class is free. Call Centre Club, 847-990-5742 or Vernon Township, 847-634-4600.

VISTA HEALTH

Vista Health's Senior Spirit sets luncheon schedule

Vista Health will again present its series of Senior Spirit luncheons in 2003. The low-cost events include a buffet lunch with beverage and an informational speaker. Cost is just \$2 for members of Senior Spirit and \$3 for non-members. Members must show their cards at the door. Reservations will be taken up to five days before each event. To make a reservation, call 1-800-843-2464. This month, the Senior Spirit luncheon is: December 16, Victory Memorial Hospital Same Day Surgery Conference Room, Waukegan. Topic will be "Handling Grief at the Holidays".

Childbirth Preparation

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LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Crisis Counseling Available

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center offers walk-in and telephone crisis counseling and referrals for Lake County residents experiencing emotional stress. This is a service of the Crisis Care Program, 3002 Grand Ave., Waukegan. Counselors are available 24 hours a day. For assistance, call 847-377-8088. (A TDD, hearing impaired phone line is also available at 847-360-2905.)

LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL

CPR: Save a Life

Learn infant, child and adult CPR through the American Heart Association's Pediatric and Heartsaver course. Participants receive first aid instruction for choking, as well as information about heart disease, causes and prevention of injury, and cardiopulmonary arrest in children. This is a one-day course. Date: Saturday, Jan. 10. Time: 9:00 to 1 p.m.

Congregate Meals Program

Join others for low-cost, nutritional meals in the hospital cafeteria daily. A speaker or educational program of interest accompanies one meal each month. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call 847-535-6176. Date: Thursday, Jan. 15. Time: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

HEALTHWATCH

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Beware! Holiday foods that kill

It's that time of year again. We're overcome by the thrill of holiday shopping, parties, family gatherings, out-of-town guests and everything else that makes from now until New Year's so darn special.

But in the midst of all the holiday hustle and bustle, we often lose sight of what's really important -- just how long should those festive food trays stay out in the open air?

This year, our holiday gift to you is a guide to preventing food poisoning. Food-borne illness is no joke. An estimated 76 million Americans are leveled by food-borne illness annually. At least 5,200 will die.

The elderly and individuals with compromised immune systems are at the greatest

risk. But food safety expert Debra Holtzman says it 'tis the season to be cautious because even the healthiest partygoer is a potential victim.

Most of us will attend or host at least one gathering over the next few months. And chances are there will be plenty of festive food spreads that include everything from cold cuts to dips to desserts. Holtzman, author of *The Panic-Proof Parent: Creating A Safe Lifestyle for Your Family* (McGraw-Hill), says you can take measures to ward off food-borne illness.

"At parties, they put out cold cuts, pies, cut-up fruit," she says from her Florida home. "What happens is you get so caught up with your guests, you don't remember the 'two hour rule.' If food is left out more than two

hours, bacteria grows to harmful levels and that's when people get sick.

"You have to keep an eye on the food. If guests come at 4 p.m. and the food is still there at 8 p.m., you have to realize that people can get sick. You lose track of things during the holidays with so much going on."

Another error made by well-intentioned hosts and hostesses is the topping off of a dish that's been sitting for an extended amount of time. You shouldn't dump fresh food atop old food. When you do refill a dish, empty and wash the platter or serve the new food on a new platter. It's a simple step in reducing the risk of food-borne illness. Holtzman urges party-throwers to keep an eye on the clock and never leave food out for longer than two hours.

If you're a concerned guest, you can nicely ask the host if they would like you to put the food in the refrigerator so that the food doesn't go bad.

Food-borne illness is by no means a holiday tradition a la *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. It's important to keep the kitchen area clean year-round.

In this eDiets exclusive, Holtzman serves up a few steps that should be taken when preparing your favorite holiday foods. You may not realize how sick you can get from certain dishes, especially those involving raw eggs.

If a recipe calls for raw eggs, try pasteurized eggs or no egg at all. It could mean the difference between a healthy holiday and a harrowing one that leaves you Grinch-like green around the gills.

"There are very few things we can control in life," Holtzman says. "But these are things we have the power to control. It's easy."

Here are some popular foods that can be hazardous to your health.

- **Eggnog:** The best way to serve eggnog is to buy it in carton. The store-sold product is pasteurized and is safe. If you make your own eggnog, use only pasteurized eggs, not raw ones.

- **Pies:** Custard-type pies, including homemade pumpkin pie, need to be refrigerated. If you run out of space in the refrigerator, rearrange items so that the pies will fit inside the refrigerator. Pies at room temperature can grow dangerous bacteria.

- **Honey:** Never give honey to a baby under the age of one. Honey may contain bacterial spores that can cause infant botulism, a rare but serious disease that affects the nervous system of young babies.

- **Chocolate:** Pet owners beware! Chocolate is toxic, and sometimes even fatal, for Fido or Kitty!

- **Turkey and stuffing:** Cooking stuffing in a turkey or chicken should be avoided. The bird cooks both from the outside and the inside. When you stuff the bird, it reduces the heat penetration. Your best bet is to cook the turkey and stuffing separately. If you do choose to cook them together, make sure the temperature reaches at least 180 degrees Fahrenheit in the innermost part of the thigh, while the center of the stuffing inside the turkey reaches 165 degrees. Bacteria can survive in stuffing that hasn't reached that temperature.

- **Caesar salad:** Many recipes call for raw eggs in Caesar salad. Do not use raw eggs in the dressing. Use a pasteurized egg instead.

- **Perishable foods:** Never leave perishable food at room temperature over two hours. Perishable foods include raw and cooked meat, poultry and seafood products. Once fruits and vegetables are cut, it is safest to also limit their time at room temperature. If perishable food is left at room temperature for over two hours, bacteria can grow to harmful levels.

- **Alcohol:** Alcohol affects children more drastically than adults, so even small amounts of alcohol can be dangerous to children. It causes a quick drop in blood sugar, drowsiness, seizures and even death. Spiked holiday punch and eggnog should be kept out of the reach of children. Remove all empty and partially empty cups as soon as possible. Store alcohol in a locked cabinet out of reach and sight of children.

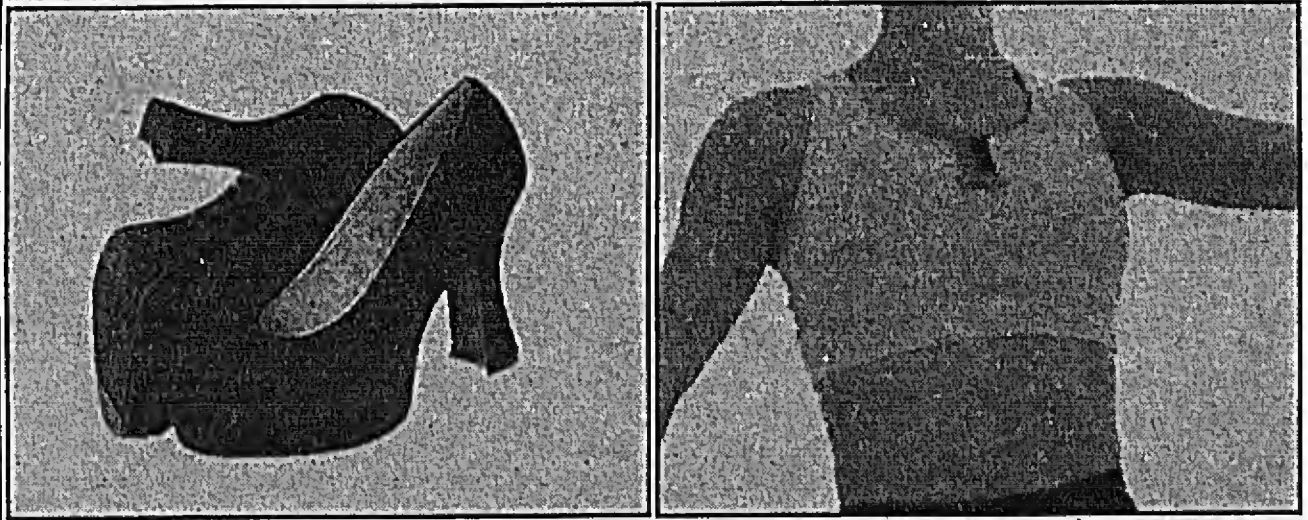
Now that you're armed with a few simple rules, go forth and enjoy a safe, happy holiday season!—by Kim Droze eDiets Managing Editor



Doctors for a day

Caryn Garber, left, discussed healthcare issues with Dr. Frank Sun (OB/GYN) at Vista Health during her day as a Lake County Medical Society mini-intern. The program provides community members with the opportunity to become familiar with today's world of healthcare through personal observation.

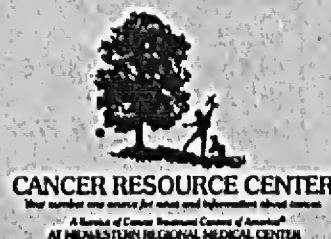
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Four things you need to ask your doctor about stroke

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of adult disability in the United States. Every year, stroke strikes approximately 750,000 Americans, killing 160,000 and forever changing the lives of many who survive. The good news is that up to 80 percent of strokes can be prevented every year; the bad news is that studies conducted by the National Stroke Association show that fewer than 30 percent of those surveyed said their doctors discussed the topic of stroke during annual exams.

A stroke is a "brain attack," cutting off vital blood and oxygen to the brain cells that control everything we do — from speaking, to walking, to breathing. Most strokes occur when arteries are blocked by blood clots or by the gradual build-up of plaque and other fatty deposits. Some strokes can be caused by arteries rupturing when weak spots on the blood vessel wall break.

To help patients get the information they need to control their risk factors for stroke, the National Stroke Association has launched the Ask Your Doctor education campaign, urging you to ask your doctor the following four questions on your next visit.

1. Am I at risk for stroke?

Most people have some stroke risk. A few stroke risk factors are beyond your control, such as being over age 55, being a male, being an African-American, having diabetes, and having a family history of stroke.

There are medical and lifestyle risk factors you can control. Medical stroke risk factors include previous stroke, previous episode of transient ischemic attack, or "TIA," high cholesterol, high blood pressure, heart disease, atrial fibrillation and carotid artery disease. Lifestyle stroke risk factors include smoking, being overweight, and drinking too much alcohol.

2. How do I lower my risk for stroke?

Address the risk factors you can control.

Know your blood pressure, and work with your doctor to keep it under control. If you smoke, stop. If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Know your cholesterol, and if it is high, ask your doctor for advice on lowering it. If you have diabetes, follow your doctor's recommendations carefully to control your condition. Include exercise in your daily routine; a brisk walk, swim or other activity for as little as 30 minutes a day can improve your health in many ways. Cut down on sodium and fat in your diet. Finally, ask your doctor if you have circulation problems.

3. What if I have a stroke?

If you have a stroke, seek immediate medical attention -- stroke is an emergency. Learn to recognize stroke symptoms. Common symptoms include: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg -- especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause. Call 911 if you see or have any of these symptoms. Treatment can be more effective if given promptly -- every minute counts.

4. What are my recovery and rehab options after my stroke?

Rehabilitation starts in the hospital as soon as possible after the stroke. In patients who are stable, rehabilitation may begin immediately after the stroke, and should be continued as necessary after release from the hospital. Depending on the severity of the stroke, rehabilitation options include physical, speech or occupational therapy delivered in a number of settings: a rehab unit in the hospital; a rehabilitation hospital; home therapy, outpatient therapy clinics, and a long-term care facility that provides therapy and skilled nursing care.

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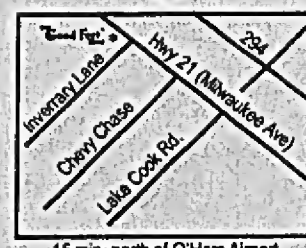
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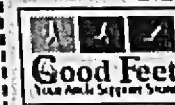
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The beneficiary would thus pay \$3,600 for the first \$5,100 worth of medicine in a year, and that does not include the premiums, estimated at \$420 a year. Beyond that, Medicare would cover 95 percent of the cost of each prescription, after the patient had spent \$3,600.

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Football players return to court from Carmel

By STEVE PETERSON
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Carmel High will welcome back state champion football players Joe Parisi, Jack Simmons, Chris Miller, Tom Kloss for the East Suburban Catholic Conference clash with St. Viator Dec. 12 in Mundelein.

The football players practiced for their initial week, getting their basketball legs back and fighting off a bad flu bug. Mark Venegoni is out with an injured ankle.

CHS head basketball coach is optimistic and said morale remains strong despite an 0-6 start.

"I think that we have held up pretty well. We played about 28 minutes of good basketball this weekend. The last two games were a lot better than the first four," Molloy said.

Carmel lost to Notre Dame 54-37 and lost to Antioch 63-44 last week.

Greg Schuda, a junior forward, scored 14

points in the loss to Notre Dame. Sean Dolan, a senior and Scott Passolt, also a junior, had 11 and 10 points in the loss to Antioch.

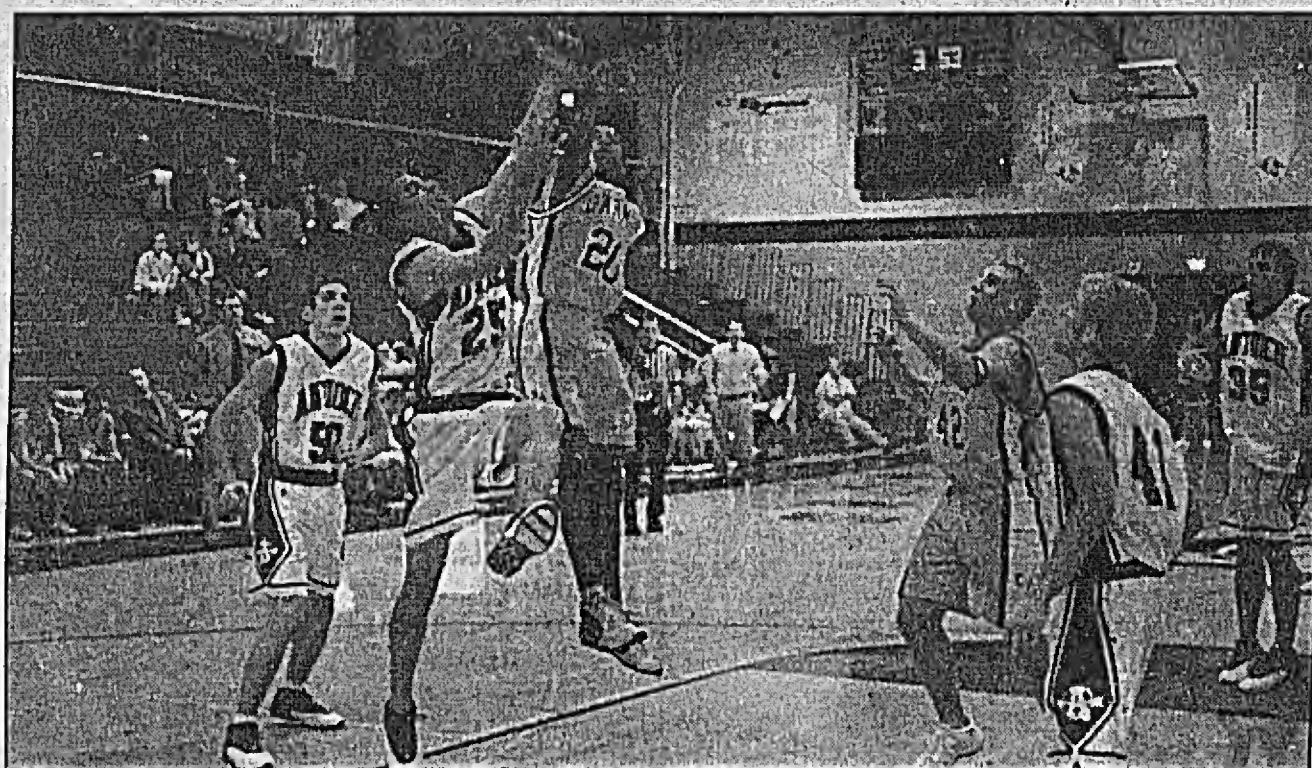
Malloy described what Dolan and Passolt have meant the first half-dozen games.

"Sean is one of the hardest working players. He had a couple of treys and he can pull up and get points off a press. He can read the defense of a game," Molloy said.

"Scott is perimeter oriented. He has a very good three-point shot. He has nice balance and tries not to rush it," Molloy said.

In both games, teams expanded their leads in the second half against CHS. A 14-2 run by Antioch helped the Sequoits do Carmel in on Saturday. Eric Lear hurt Carmel with 14 points. Chandler Kent added 11.

St. Viator is led by Steve Soleski. "They play really well, aggressive," Molloy said.



Carmel's Greg Schuda attempts a jumper over Antioch's Drew Dittmer in his team's 63-44 loss to the Sequoits. The Corsairs will host St. Viator on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.—Photo by Steve Young

Krombach leads Corsairs over Antioch

By STEVE PETERSON
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A strong second half allowed Carmel High's girls basketball team to pull away and earn a non-conference win at Antioch.

Carmel won 51-38 for its fifth win in seven games.

"We went after it with full-court pressure and got some turnovers. We made some shots in the second half, after not making many in the first," said Carmel coach John Ryan.

Senior Caitlin Krombach scored 14 of her 19 points in the second half. Junior Jill Scudder scored 11 points in the first half, when Antioch led 23-21 at halftime. The second half included a 30-15 Carmel run.

Jenny Eckhart pitched in with eight points.

Carmel plays a tough Benet team Dec. 13 at home in its second East Suburban Catholic Conference game. Carmel also had Marist as ESCC play opens up. Marist is an up-and-coming squad while Benet is more senior dominated, according to Ryan.



Carmel's Jenny Eckhart tries to drive past an Antioch player in her team's 51-38 win. The Corsairs will host Benet Academy on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.—Photo by Steve Young

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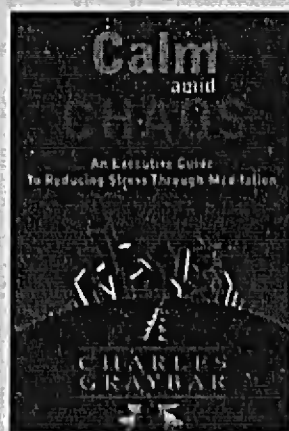
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LaVerne E. Owens

Age 83 of Antioch, passed away Monday, Dec. 8, 2003 at her home. She was born June 2, 1920 in Chicago, the daughter of the late Arvid and Linnea (Lind) Bonnevier. She had lived in Pell Lake, Wis. and Hayward, Calif., before moving to Antioch in 1956. She was a member of the Westosha Senior Center in Bristol, Wis. The Antioch Senior Center and the Foresters. On Oct. 6, 1939, she married William H. Owens in Chicago.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, William; her children, Judy (Bob) Petykowski of Antioch, Susan (Pat) Sullivan of Edgerton, Wis., Steve (Debbie) Owens of Antioch and Darlene (Robert) King of Orlando, Fla.; 19 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and one sister. She is preceded in death by a son, William Jr. and a granddaughter, Jennifer Petykowski in 1990 and a granddaughter, Cheri Ann Sullivan in 1968.

Funeral Services were held at 1 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. Interment was private.

Mabel A. Carney

Age 74 of Antioch, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. She was born Nov. 9, 1929 in Waukegan, the daughter of the late Albert and Carrie (Sivers) Norman and has been a lifelong resident of Antioch. She had worked as a telephone operator for several years, retiring in 1961 to become a homemaker and to raise her family. While she was raising her family she worked part time as a salesperson and clerk for the former Barnstable Department Store in Antioch. On June 17, 1961, she married Neal P. Carney in Antioch.

Survivors include her husband Neal, six children, Carolyn Eckert of Silver Lake, Wis., Daniel Carney of Antioch, Diana (James) Newton of Lindenhurst, Virginia Carey of Trevor, Wis., Julie (Kevin) Howard of Lansing, Mich. and Amy (Jeff) Nielsen of Galesburg; her daughter-in-law, Lori Buchanan Lewis of Waukegan; 11 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by two sons, Thomas and infant Jeffrey; one grandson, Jeffrey and five sisters, Hazel, Myrtle, Opal, Virginia and Helen.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., Dec. 6 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with reader Barbara Beese of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Antioch, officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Dec. 5. Friends desiring may make contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 500 N. Dearborn, Suite 305, Chicago, IL 60610.

Emma Chaberski (nee Fiebig)

Age 81, a resident of Ingleside for the past 36 years, formerly of Cicero, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 in Sycamore. She was born on May 28, 1922 in Loup City, Neb. To Albert and Bertha (Jendricke) Fiebig. She graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in nursing in 1944, and served her country as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in post war Germany. In

1949 she received an advanced degree and worked at Hines Hospital in the Army Nursing Corp. until 1953. She later taught at McHenry High School for over 30 years, helped to establish the free McHenry Health Clinic, and enjoyed gardening, reading, and her membership at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Round Lake.

Survivors include her sons, Mark (Eve) Chaberski of Marengo, Kirk (Sharon) Chaberski of Nashville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Devon and Clayton Chaberski of Marengo and Evan and Eden Chaberski of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Glen (Lila) Fiebig of Alliance, Neb.; and by many friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, John G. Chaberski on March 16, 1997 and by her parents.

Visitation was held on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) Funeral Service was conducted at 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at the funeral home with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating, to which all were invited to attend. Interment was private. The family will appreciate memorials for the McHenry County Retired Teachers (MCRT) Scholarship Fund c/o Greg Johnson, 1315 Palomino Dr., McHenry, IL 60051.

Rafael Bazbaz

Age 75 of Vernon Hills, passed away suddenly Friday, Dec. 5, 2003 at his home. He was a retired sales manager of Shephard Chevrolet in Lake Bluff.

Surviving are his wife, Amalia and two sons, Isaac Bazbaz of Park Ridge and James Bazbaz of Vernon Hills. He is also the brother-in-law of two.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 9 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek. Entombment followed at All Saints Cemetery. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m., Dec. 8 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Richard D. Schutt

Age 47 of Antioch, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Survivors include three children, Samantha L. Schutt of Antioch, Rick A. and Amanda J. Schutt both of Chino Hills, Calif.; his mother, Pearl Schutt of New Mexico and his sister Linda (Jim) Smith of Colorado. He is preceded in death by his father in 2002.

Memorial Funeral Service was held at 7 p.m., Dec. 8 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with the Rev. Gary L. Curl of the United Methodist Church of Antioch officiating. A memorial visitation was held from 5 p.m., Dec. 8, until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Lolita M. Finger

Age 75 of Antioch, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Harvard, the daughter of the late James and Gladys (Clark) Townsend.

Survivors include her son, Jeff (Linda) Finger of Janesville, Wis.; two grandchildren; two brothers. She is preceded in death by her husband;

Roy, a son, Paul and two brothers.

Private services and interment of her remains was at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Harvard. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hospice of Condell Hospital, Libertyville, IL 60048, in her memory. Arrangements were entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Zorka Andric

Age 85 of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, passed away Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003 at her home. She was born in Yugoslavia.

Surviving are her son Radislav Andric of Mississauga and many friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Savo Andric and Son Petar.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m., Dec. 6 at St. Sava Cemetery in Libertyville. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Jewel E. Bacon

Age 93 of Libertyville, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003 at the Winchester House in Libertyville.

Surviving are her daughter, Joan (Benjamin) Macdonald of Libertyville; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a brother. She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Julie Ernst; by her husband, Walter E. Bacon Jr. in 1958; by her son, Walter E. Bacon III and by eight brothers and sisters.

Prayers began at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 5 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Joseph Church in Libertyville for a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment followed at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Visitation was at the funeral home from 9:30 a.m. until the time of prayers on Dec. 5. Memorial contributions can be made to Arden Shore Child and Family Services, 935 Lakeview Parkway, No. 105, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 in her memory.

Dr. Kenneth H. Moody

Age 87, a former resident of Libertyville, passed away, Nov. 16, 2003 at his home in Savannah, Ga. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and served for five years. After his military service, he saw the need of good care for veterans and worked at the West Side VA Hospital in Chicago as an orthopedic and surgical examiner until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Alice Moody; a son, Charles (Joan) Moody of Libertyville; a daughter, Jane (G. Terry) Jackson of Savannah, Ga.; grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Marian Moody and by his daughter, Sara Moody Chepovsky.

A Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 6 at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery, after which a luncheon followed at the church. Memorials can be made to the St. Lawrence Church Building Fund. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Nannette Domain

Age 46 passed away Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003 at Condell Medical

Center in Libertyville. She said goodbye to her kids one last time.

Nannette is survived by her husband of 19 years, William Domain; her children, Ryan, Erick, Kevin and Kyle Domain; her mother, Joan Walsh and her stepfather, Jim Walsh; and her sisters. She is preceded in death by her father, Donald Arthur.

A visitation was scheduled for Dec. 5 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd. in Grayslake from 7-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to American Cancer Society, 1300 N. Skokie Hwy., 104 Gurnee, IL 60031.

Jean Marie Gustisha

Age 75 of Beach Park, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. She was born the daughter of the late Forrest J. and Grace M. (nee Schlitz) Kaeser.

Jean is survived by her companion of 15 years, Richard S. Cackovic of Beach Park; her sons, Kevin (Deanna) Gustisha of Elkhorn, Wis. and Jeff (Doreen) Gustisha of Wauconda; her grandchildren and her brother. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Frank Gustisha; her sister and a brother.

A "Celebration of her life" will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 at Ted's Restaurant, 1611 Belvidere Rd., in Waukegan. Arrangements were handled by the Lakewood Crematorium in Lake Bluff.

Frank S. Chrusciel

Age 80 of Ocean Springs, MS., passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003 in Ocean Springs, MS. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII and received many decorations, including the Purple Heart. He later was a civil service instructor, serving in the motor pool at Fort Sheridan for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Bobby Jean and four sons, Wayne (Ann) Chrusciel of Whitefish Bay, Wis., Michael (Lisa) Chrusciel of Fort Worth, Tex., Glen (Erin) Chrusciel of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and R. Alan (Pat) Chrusciel of Portage, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and his sister. He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Agatha; by a brother and a sister.

Funeral Service was held at noon, Dec. 11 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m., until the time of services on Dec. 11.

John J. Brooks Jr.

Age 81, passed away Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003 at Manor Care in Libertyville. He was a Deacon of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Round Lake. John would minister at many of the local nursing homes.

John is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rosemarie Brooks; a loving father to his children, John J. (Christine) Brooks III, Linda Cashmore, Joanne (bill) Dewitt, Mary (Joseph) Couch, Larry (Linda) Brooks, and Kenneth (Paula) Brooks; his sister; 16 grandchildren; four great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter and her husband Karen (bill) Reynolds.

A Funeral Mass was held Dec. 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Round

Lake at 10 a.m. Friends of the family visited on Dec. 9 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd. in Grayslake from 5-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678.

William F. McMahon

Age 51 of Antioch, passed away on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003 at his home. He was born the son of the late William E. and Charlene (nee Edwards).

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Edward (Amy Hughes), Kathy Loomis, Theresa, Mary, Joseph, Camille (Dan) Eakins, Thomas (Lynda), Richard (Cindy), and Linda; his nieces and nephews, Meghan, Scott, Ryan, Daniel, Matthew, Elizabeth, Melissa and Sean; and stepchildren, Sami, Rami and Raji Aboud.

Funeral Services were held at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 11 from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, to Prince of Peace Church at 10 a.m. for the Funeral Mass. Private family interment was at St. Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park. Visitation was held Dec. 10 from 4-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to Blessed Trinity Community Food Pantry, 557 Lake St., Antioch, IL 60002.

Harold 'Harry' Sternberg

Age 74 of Park City passed away Friday, Dec. 5, 2003 at home.

Survivors include his sons, Robert, James, John and Thomas; a sister, nieces, nephews, great niece and great nephew.

Funeral Service were held at 10 a.m., Dec. 10, 2003 in the Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home in Wauconda. Interment was in Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. Visitation was Dec. 9 from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Beatrice Marie Kiene (nee Meyer)

Age 87 of Mundelein, died Nov. 30, 2003 at Methodist Hospital in Sacramento, Calif.

She is survived by her children, Lynn (George) Lindstrom, Diane (Fred) Krebs, Robert (Andrea) Kiene, Carol (Bill) Gutzmer, Bonnie (Ronald) Jagmlin; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd.

Funeral Service was at 10 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Kristan Funeral Home PC in Mundelein. Visitation was Dec. 5 from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 would be appreciated.

Edward D. Hutchinson

Age 74 of Mundelein, passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Edward is survived by his loving children, Marjorie Tegtmeyer, Jennifer (Scott) Wright, Donald Hutchinson and David Hutchinson; his six grandchildren and his companion, Charmaine Erlson.

Memorial Service was held at 7 p.m., Dec. 9 at Kristan Funeral Home PC in Mundelein. A Memorial gathering will begin at 4 p.m., Dec. 9 at the funeral home.

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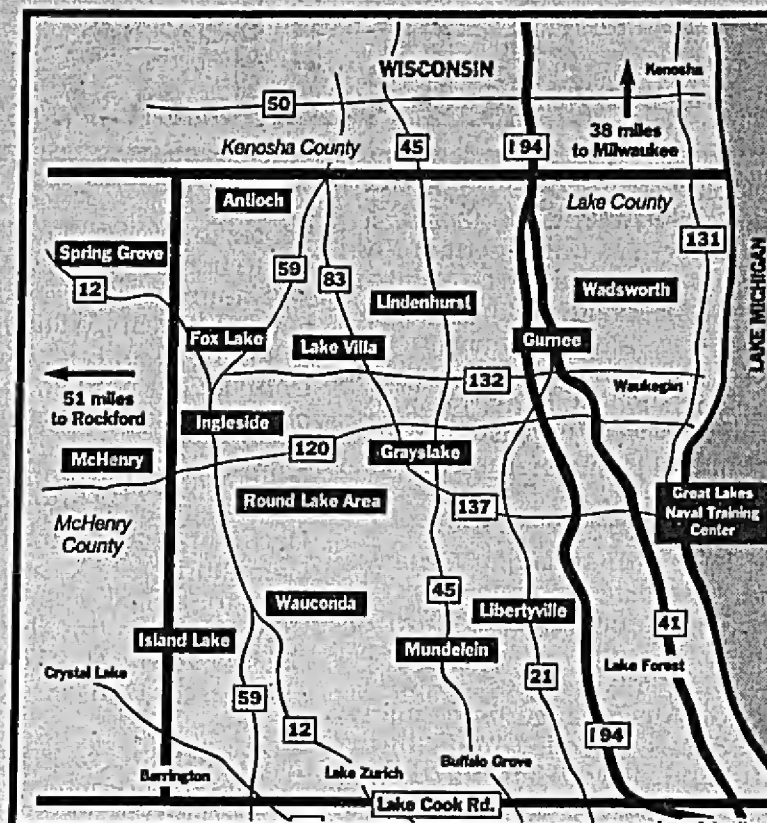
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By Scott T. Fleischmann

In this tight job market it may seem almost unthinkable to discuss rejecting a job offer. But in truth, there are some situations where the offer should be declined. Sometimes it is better to wait for the right job offer than to accept a position that could have harmful long-term affects. Here are some of the issues that should be considered.

Management Style - We each respond better to management styles with which we are compatible. For example, many people are more comfortable with a collegial approach to management. In that style, information is multidirectional, and management often asks for input before making decisions. Someone who is more comfortable with an autocratic style may not function well in that environment. Other considerations include: will my manager expect me to work independently or under direct supervision? How does he or she handle sensitive issues? What expectations will he or she have regarding overtime, work schedule, productivity, etc?

Culture - Just as every manager has a style, each company has a personality. Some companies require employees to work until all of the assigned work is completed. Those demands often require extensive overtime. However, most of those companies compensate their employee's well to allow for that possible inconvenience. All of the issues mentioned above are also applicable to the company. Any organization can be managed with a cavalier attitude or with intensity and tight controls. Job / Skills Compatibility - We all have skills that we do not use in our jobs. A person who has the skills to flip hamburgers may not accept such a job if he or she has the skills to build beautiful cabinetry. However, that same person may take a job teaching someone who has never had a job how to make those burgers because of the desire to see others be productive.

Pay and Benefits - People who are able to earn \$100,000 per year are unlikely to accept a position for \$50,000, unless they need a job in order to support themselves and/or their family. Taking a step backward in compensation is occasionally a wise idea if there is the possibility for taking two steps forward in the near future. However, be aware that those promised steps forward may be phantoms. They may never occur. While rejecting a job offer may be the best step, there are other options. One is to accept the job to see if the known problems can be minimized and the benefits can be maximized. Until one works in a position for a reasonable time the extent of those benefits and problems are not completely understood.

One can also accept a position for the short term while looking for the next long-term opportunity. Although this is generally not a good strategy, those who need to earn a living may not have any other option. Although most people in the current job shortage are accepting the first job offer received, there are alternatives. For those who see red flags in a pending offer, it is best to consider all of the alternatives before accepting an inappropriate offer.

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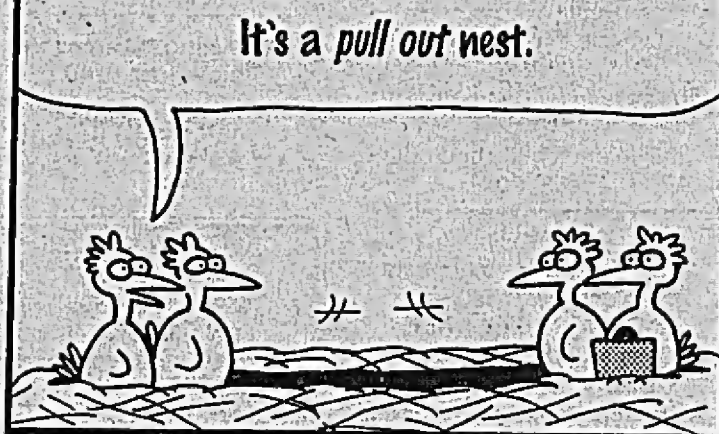
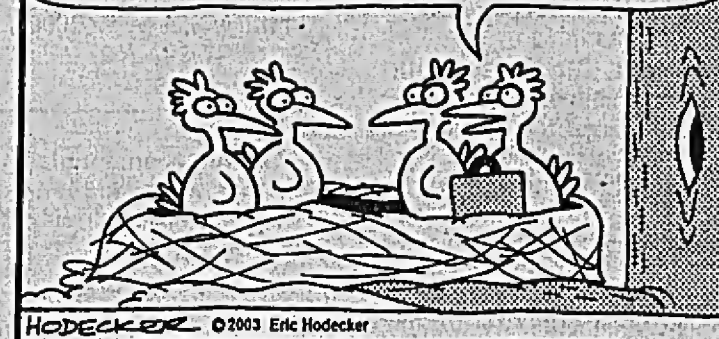
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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ness from the location(s) in-
dicated and that the true or real
full name(s) of the person(s)
owning, conducting or trans-
acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Christine Marie Lang
November 13, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
13th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Patricia Booker
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 17, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1128D-6253-LV
November 28, 2003
December 5, 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
First Impression Window
Cleaning
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Window Cleaning Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
327-A Old McHenry Rd., Long
Grove, ILL. 60047. (847) 913-
9401.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Jerry King, 1050 Highland,
Mundelein, ILL. 60060.
(847) 949-5938.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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dicated and that the true or real
full name(s) of the person(s)
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acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Jerry King
November 18, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
18th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 18, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1128D-6252-MN
November 28, 2003
December 5, 12, 2003

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PUBLIC NOTICE
**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Maid To Remember
NATURE/PURPOSE:
House Cleaning Service
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
726 N. Park Rd., Round Lake,
ILL. 60073. (847) 546-3577.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Deborah Lynn Schmit, 726 N.
Park Rd., Round Lake, ILL.
60073. (847) 546-3577.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Deborah L. Schmit
November 15, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
15th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Isabel Aralza
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 18, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1128D-6251-RL
November 28, 2003
December 5, 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Adornit
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Floral Design
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
208 Berkshire Dr., Lake Villa,
ILL. 60046. (847) 245-7011.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Kim E. Murphy, 208 Berkshire
Dr., Lake Villa, ILL. 60046
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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full name(s) of the person(s)
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acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Kim E. Murphy
November 20, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
20th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 20, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1128D-6256-LV
November 28, 2003
December 5, 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Kenn Fix It
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Handyman Service
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
35089 N. Grant Ave., Lake
Villa, IL 60046, 847-548-8421.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Kenneth Pahlman, 35089 N.
Grant Ave., Lake Villa, IL
60046, 847-548-8421.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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dicated and that the true and le-
gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Kenneth Pahlman
November 21, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this 21st
day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Jeremy R. Zelewsky
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 21, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1128D-6259-LV
November 28, 2003
December 5, 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
H&H Investments
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Real Estate Investing
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
17604 W. Summit Dr., Gray-
slake, IL 60030, 847-816-
9802.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Jeffrey P. Higby, Cynthia R.
Higby, 17604 W. Summit Dr.,
Grayslake, IL 60030, 224-
715-4923; P.O. Box 882,
Grayslake, IL 60030.

This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-
duct the above named busi-
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gal full name(s) of the
person(s) owning, conducting
or transacting the business
is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Jeffrey P. Higby
/s/ Cynthia R. Higby
November 21, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this 21st
day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Tammy Taylor
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 14, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1128D-6260-GL
November 28, 2003
December 5, 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Italcon Enterprises
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Internet Marketing
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
32303 Prairieview Ln., Lake-
moor, ILL. 60051. (815) 363-
3925.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Lisa M. Gentile, 32303 Prai-
review Ln., Lakemoor, ILL.
60051. (815) 363-3925.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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dersigned intend(s) to con-
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full name(s) of the person(s)
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rect as shown.
/s/ Lisa M. Gentile
November 19, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
19th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Dorothy Christine Myer
Notary Public

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Received: Nov. 24, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1205A-6266-FL
December 5, 12, 19, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
All Occasion Gift Shoppe
NATURE/PURPOSE:
General Merchandise Sales
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
2360 N. Fox Chase Dr.,
Round Lake Beach, ILL.
60073. (847) 543-8326.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Miguel, Odette Torres. 2360
N. Fox Chase Dr., Round
Lake Beach, ILL. 60073.
(847) 543-8326.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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full name(s) of the person(s)
owning, conducting or trans-
acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Miguel Torres
/s/ Odette Torres
November 26, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
26th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 26, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1205A-6270-RL
December 5, 12, 19, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Angel in my Pocket Designs
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Handmade greeting cards/il-
lustrations
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1416 Huntington Dr., Munde-
lein, ILL. 60060. (847) 362-
5356.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Carol, Michael Leaver, 1416
Huntington Dr., Mundelein,
ILL. 60060 (847) 362-5356.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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dersigned intend(s) to con-
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dicated and that the true or real
full name(s) of the person(s)
owning, conducting or trans-
acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Carol Leaver
/s/ Michael Leaver
November 15, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
15th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Hina Patel
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 26, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1205A-6274-MN
December 5, 12, 19, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
MTM Electric
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Electrical Wiring
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1813 Brentwood, Round Lake

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Heights, ILL. 60073,
(847) 546-8388.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Michael T. McGuire, 1813
Brentwood, Round Lake
Heights, ILL. 60073,
(847) 546-8388.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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full name(s) of the person(s)
owning, conducting or trans-
acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Michael T. McGuire
November 24, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
24th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Laura McGuire
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 26, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6283-RL
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
The Computer Coach
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Computer Consulting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
503 Linden Ln., Libertyville,
ILL. 60048. (847) 918-9262.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Neil Redshaw, Tara Red-
shaw, 503 Linden Lane, Lib-
ertyville, ILL. 60048.
(847) 918-9352.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the un-
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dicated and that the true or real
full name(s) of the person(s)
owning, conducting or trans-
acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Neil Redshaw
/s/ Tara Redshaw
December 6, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this 6th
day of December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Ursula Shubel
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 8, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6295-LB
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
FREE COMP.
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Wholesale of computers and
parts
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1105 Lockwood Dr., Buffalo
Grove, ILL. 60089, (847) 913-
0419.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Senlin Jin, Tang Niu, 1105
Lockwood Dr., Buffalo Grove,
ILL. 60089, (847) 913-0419.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the un-
dersigned intend(s) to con-
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ness from the location(s) in-
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full name(s) of the person(s)
owning, conducting or trans-
acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Senlin Jin
/s/ Tang Niu
November 23, 2003
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
24th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Suja Sasi
Notary Public
Received: December 1, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6287-GL
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application**
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Silver Etc.
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Jewelry Sales
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE
BUSINESS IS TO BE
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
331 Fairfax Lane, Grayslake,
ILL. 60030, (847) 414-8324.
NAME(S) AND POST
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE
PERSON(S) OWNING,
CONDUCTING OR
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS
Shannon Kramer, 331 Fairfax
Lane, Grayslake, ILL. 60030,
(847) 414-8324.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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dersigned intend(s) to con-
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dicated and that the true or real
full name(s) of the person(s)
owning, conducting or trans-
acting the business is/are cor-
rect as shown.
/s/ Shannon Kramer
November 28, 2003

The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) intending to
conduct the business this
28th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Sara E. Latham
Notary Public
Received: December 2, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6288-GL
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
**CHANGE OF OWNER'S
LEGAL NAME OR
ADDRESS OR BUSINESS
ADDRESS CHANGE OR
ADDITION**

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Northern Home Maintenance
ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
12-7-01
OWNER'S LEGAL NAME
CHANGED OR ADDRESS
CHANGED FROM:
Dean M. Reinhardt, 2324
Honore Ave., North Chicago,
IL 60064 847-785-1725.
TO:
Dean M. Reinhardt, 2160 N.
Orchard Ln., Round Lake
Beach, IL 60073, 847-366-
5111.
BUSINESS ADDRESS(ES)
CHANGED FROM:
2324 Honore Ave., North Chi-
cago, IL 60064, 847-785-
1725.
TO:
2160 N. Orchard Ln., Round
Lake Beach, IL 60073, 847-
366-5111.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the
above change(es) to the
named business have been
made effective.
/s/ Dean M. Reinhardt
2160 N. Orchard Ln., Round
Lake Beach, IL 60073, 847-
366-5111.
The foregoing instrument
was acknowledged before me
by the person(s) conducting
the business this 8th day of
December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: December 8, 2003
Willard R. Helander
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
 CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SQUAW)
 CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT,)
 LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS) Gen. No. 70 MR 125

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Squaw Creek Drainage District have filed their annual financial report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois. Any objections to said report must be filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before December 22, 2003, in the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois. A copy of the objections must be sent to the attorney for the District at the address indicated below. There will be a hearing on the Report on December 30, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom C-304, Lake County Courthouse.

DATED: December 12, 2003

SALLY D. COFFELT
 Circuit Clerk

John P. Richtman
 Attorney for Squaw Creek Drainage District
 P. O. Box 284
 Grayslake, ILL. 60030
 Telephone: (847) 223-1500

1212B-6281-GL
 December 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 COUNTY OF LAKE) SS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
 CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE AVON -)
 FREMONT DRAINAGE DISTRICT,)
 LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS) Gen. No. 70 MR 127

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Avon-Fremont Drainage District have filed their annual financial report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois. Any objections to said report must be filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before December 22, 2003, in the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois. A copy of the objections must be sent to the attorney for the District at the address indicated below. There will be a hearing on the Report on December 30, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom C-304, Lake County Courthouse.

DATED: December 12, 2003

SALLY D. COFFELT
 Circuit Clerk

John P. Richtman
 Attorney for Avon-Fremont Drainage District
 P. O. Box 284
 Grayslake, ILL. 60030
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Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Director of the Library until January 21, 2004, prevailing time, 4:00 p.m., and will be opened in the Library at that time.

Detailed specifications and Bid Forms may be secured from the Round Lake Area Library District, 906 Hart Road, Round Lake, IL 60073.

1212B-6284-RL
 December 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Shur-Lock Self Storage, Inc., 35865 N. Route 45, Lake Villa, IL 60046 will sell the personal goods from:

Unit 105 belonging to Jack Belinska. The goods consist of stereo speakers, step ladder, pictures, metal shelving, and miscellaneous boxes.

Unit 305 belonging to Joseph Gray. The goods consist of golf clubs & bag, vacuum cleaner, older wheel chair, TV, household items and miscellaneous boxes.

Unit 308 belonging to Joseph Gray. The goods consist of clothes on hangers, household items, and miscellaneous boxes.

Unit 407 belonging to Patrick Randle. The goods consist of a microwave, boom box, ironing board, mattress set, vacuum cleaner, and table w/folding chairs.

Unit 512 belonging to Anthony Vilona. The goods consist of a desk, small red tool box, Christmas decorations, Coleman stove, red lantern, plastic containers, and purple fishing rod.

Unit 614 belonging to Terri Dugan. The goods consist of old dirt motor bike & parts, trophies, snow shovels, and miscellaneous boxes.

Sale will take place on the premises on Saturday, December 20, 2003 at 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

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 December 5, 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 COUNTY OF LAKE) SS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL
 CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE GRUBB)
 SCHOOL DRAINAGE DISTRICT,)
 LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS) Gen. No. 73 MR 114

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Grubb School Drainage District have filed their annual financial report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois. Any objections to said report must be filed with the Clerk of the Court on or before December 22, 2003, in the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois. A copy of the objections must be sent to the attorney for the District at the address indicated below. There will be a hearing on the Report on December 30, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom C-304, Lake County Courthouse.

DATED: December 12, 2003

SALLY D. COFFELT
 Circuit Clerk

John P. Richtman
 Attorney for Grubb School Drainage District
 P. O. Box 284
 Grayslake, ILL. 60030
 Telephone: (847) 223-1500

1212B-6280-AN
 December 12, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 COUNTY OF LAKE) SS

In the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth
 Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois

In The Matter of the Petition of)
 Patricia J. Schubert)
 For Name Change)

Notice of publication

Public notice is hereby given that on January 21, 2004, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Lake, I will file my Petition in said Court praying for the change of my name from PATRICIA J. SCHUBERT to that of PATRICIA J. HOLLAND, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and Provided.

Dated at Lake Zurich, Illinois, December 2, 2003.

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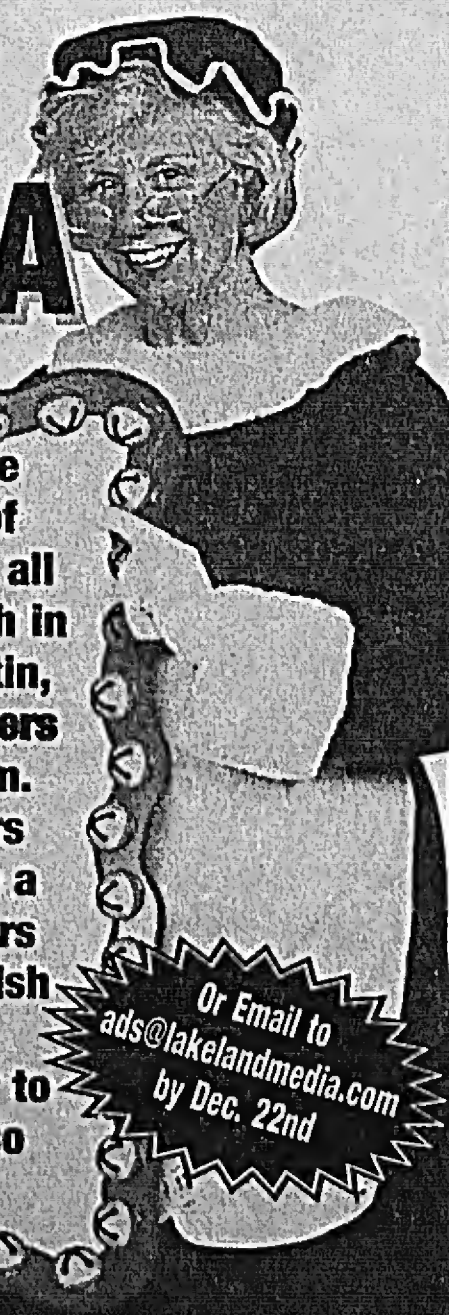
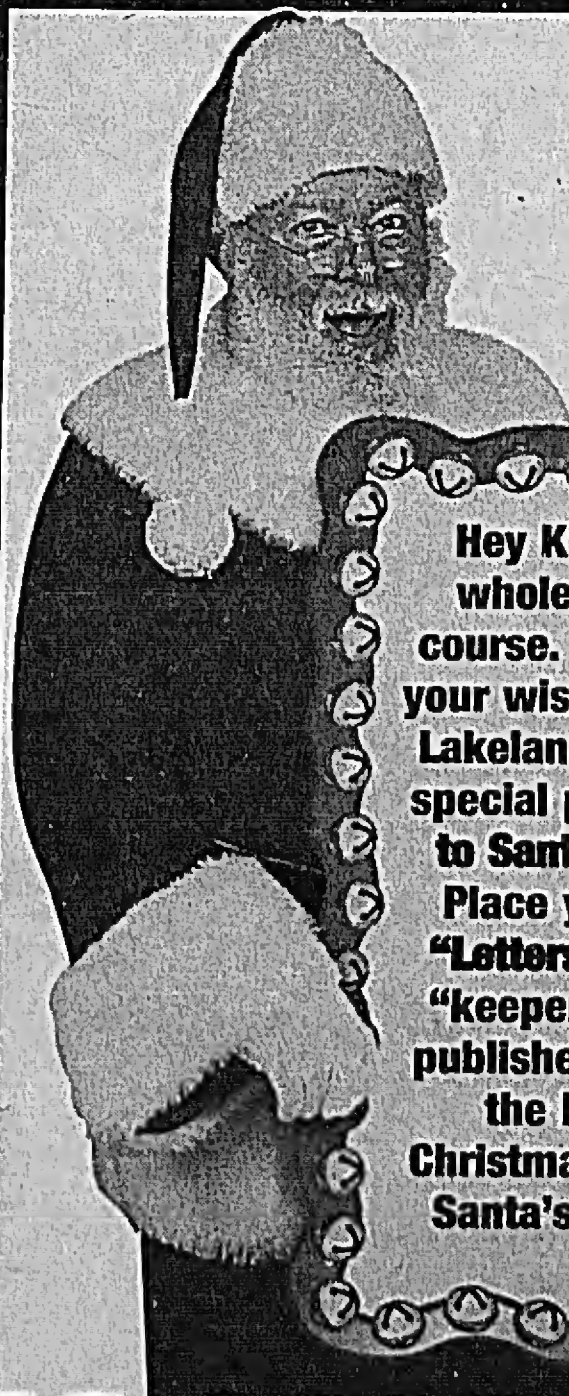
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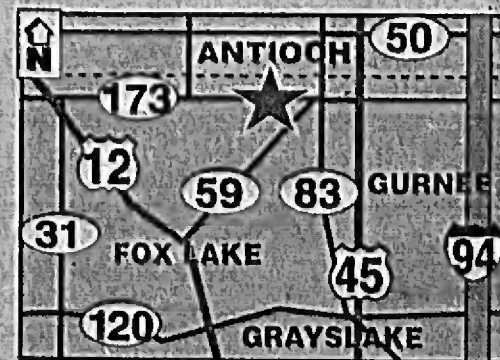
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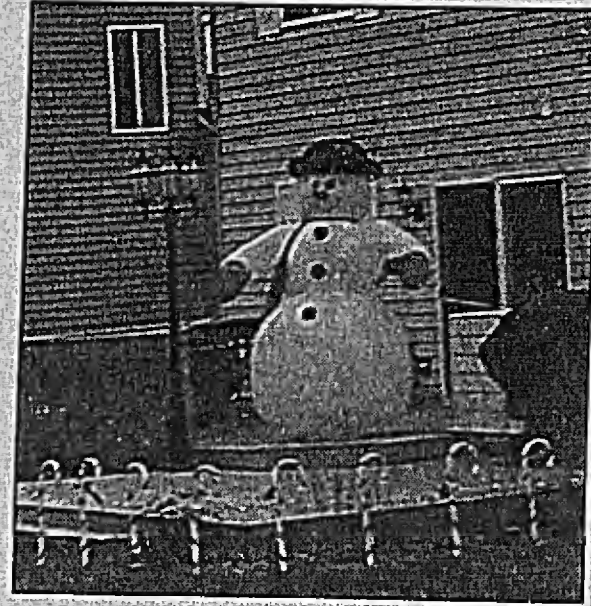
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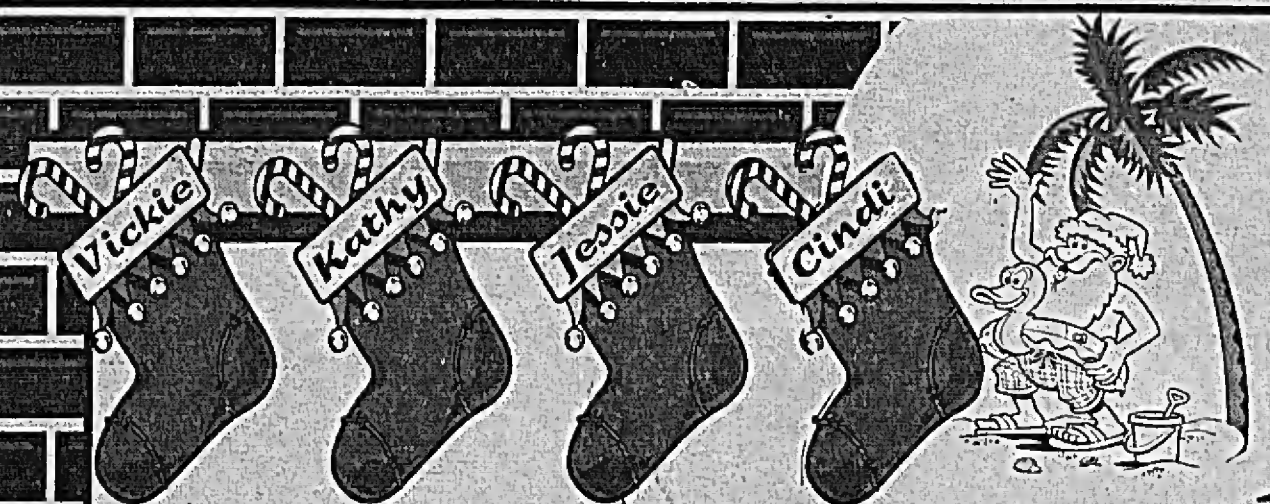
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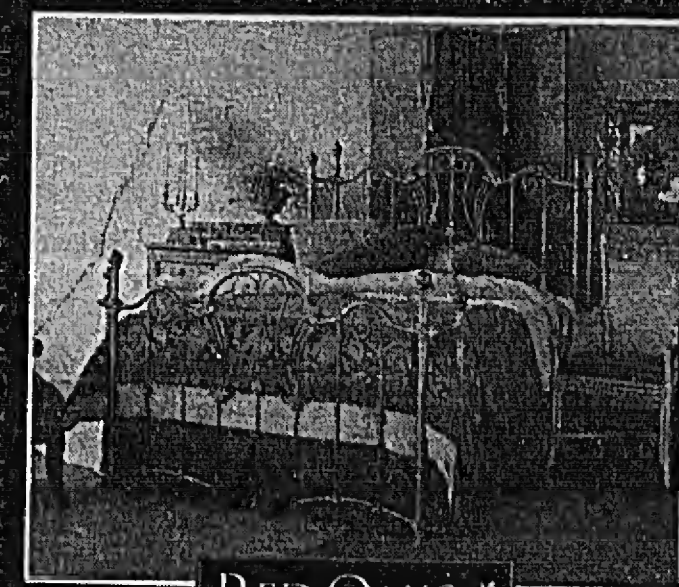
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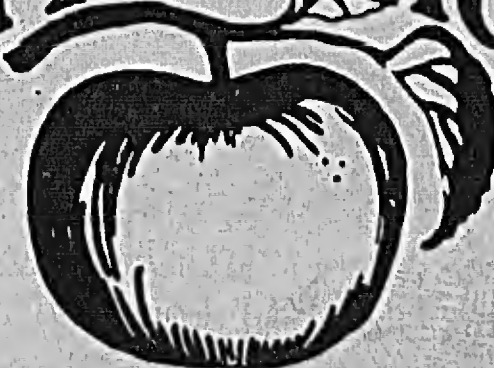
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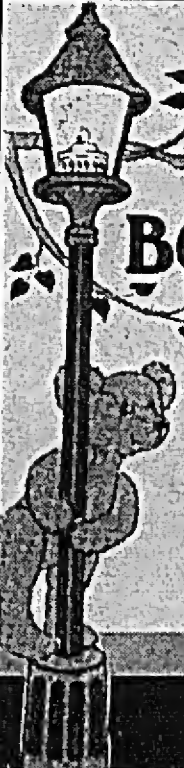
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Order of placing decorations - Place decorations in this order: 1. lights, 2. garland, 3. decorations.

Inside, outside - Arrange lights 'inside' your tree (about halfway from the tips of the branches to the trunk of the tree) as well as on the perimeter of the tree.

How many special ornaments? - Mix one of a kind special ornaments with more generic "filler" ornaments. To make an impact, plan on using about 10 special themed ornaments (10 birdhouses, music notes, etc.) for every 2 feet of tree.

How many filler ornaments? - Create repetition by using a consistent filler ornament on your tree. This is a good way to stretch a growing collection of themed ornaments too. Plan to use at least a dozen "filler" ornaments for every 2 feet of tree. These can be inexpensive glass balls readily available at discount stores.

Where to put ornaments - Place ornaments and other decorations 'inside' your tree as well as on the tips of branches, to add depth and interest.

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Use lights, garlands, and ornaments along with nosegays, ribbons, special decorations and more.

A "copper" theme could use metallic copper ribbons, copper cookie cutters, wooden decorations sprayed with copper paint, etc. Because the tree provides a large amount of a contrasting color (green), it's hard to overdo it. A style theme such as "country" will give you clues as to what will look good (raffia, vines, birdnests, antique toys, cookie ornaments, and so on.)

More is better - It's fun to have more than one tree. Make the second one smaller and theme it to the room. For instance, in the corner of a large kitchen the tree could be decorated with kitchen utensils, baskets, dried herbs, raffia bows.

Natural touches - Use natural materials to add a finishing touch to your tree. For instance, tuck clusters of dried flowers into some of the spaces between tree branches. Use a wire or ribbon to hold the bunches together. Small handfuls of twigs could also be used.

Silk flowers - Silk flowers add a nice touch to more formal trees. Clip each branch into small sprigs, and lay them between the branches. An average size tree will need approximately 3-5

dozen sprigs. White flowers will give almost a snowy effect while red will brighten the tree.

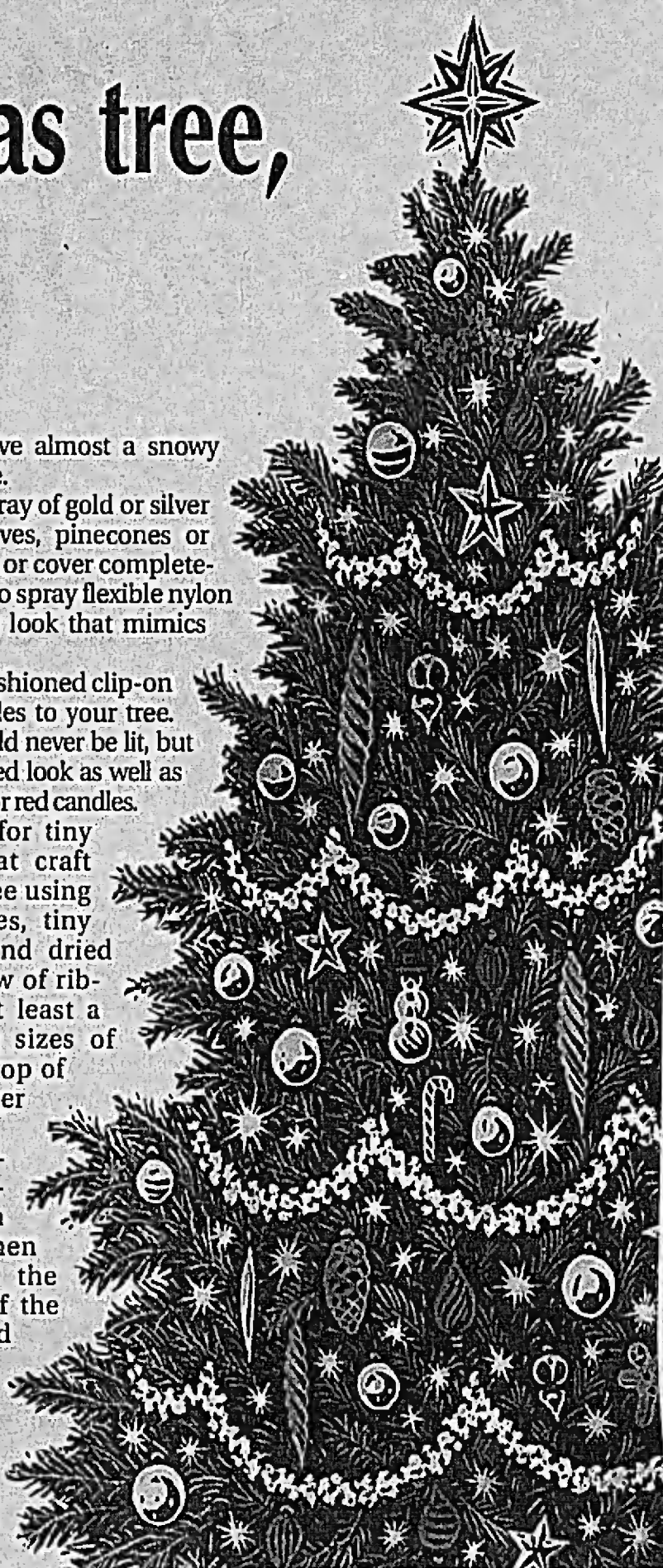
Metallic touches - A simple spray of gold or silver paint will embellish preserved leaves, pinecones or twigs. Spray lightly for a misty effect, or cover completely for a more formal look. You can also spray flexible nylon rope from the hardware store for a look that mimics expensive gold cording.

Tiny candles - Buy some old fashioned clip-on candle holders and add small candles to your tree. Due to fire hazard these candles should never be lit, but they will add a wonderful old fashioned look as well as some color to the tree. Try gold, white, or red candles.

Miniature baskets - Search for tiny baskets or little vine wreaths at craft stores. Decorate these for your tree using a hot glue gun to attach berries, tiny sprigs of preserved evergreen and dried flowers. Finish with a knot or bow of ribbon and a ribbon loop. Make at least a dozen. If you can find varying sizes of wreaths, use smaller ones at the top of the tree, graduating to the bigger sizes near the bottom.

Ribbon streamers - For something a little different from a traditional garland, attach long ribbon streamers to the top of the tree. Then wind and swirl them through the branches, down to the bottom of the tree. Long strands of raffia could also be used for a country tree.

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Here are some helpful tips for organizing gift wrapping jobs and some ideas to make gift wrapping easier.

Collect Generic Gift Wrap Materials - Instead of buying Santa gift paper, try going with a plain red, a metallic silver, and a beautiful white. These papers can look wonderful during the holidays by using red, green, or metallic ribbons. And later they can look equally wonderful for Valentine's Day with pink ribbon or for a birthday with blue ribbon.

Cellophane Bags - Clear or printed cellophane bags (like the ones florists use for corsages) can be a lifesaver for small non-fragile gifts, candies, or baked goods. Simply insert the item into the bag (wrapped in tissue if desired) and seal the top with ribbon, raffia, cording, or a twist tie. These bags come in several sizes. Look for them in bulk at a paper warehouse outlet.

Colored Tissue Paper - Tissue can make any gift seem more festive. Collect several colors to use when lining gift boxes, to cushion delicate items, inside cello bags, or even to use as gift paper. Avoid buying a few sheets at a time, as these are particularly expensive. Order in bulk or browse paper warehouses.

Hole Punch - Use an inexpensive hole punch to puncture gift tags (to insert a ribbon) or to punch two holes in the top of a folded gift bag (to insert a ribbon or raffia).

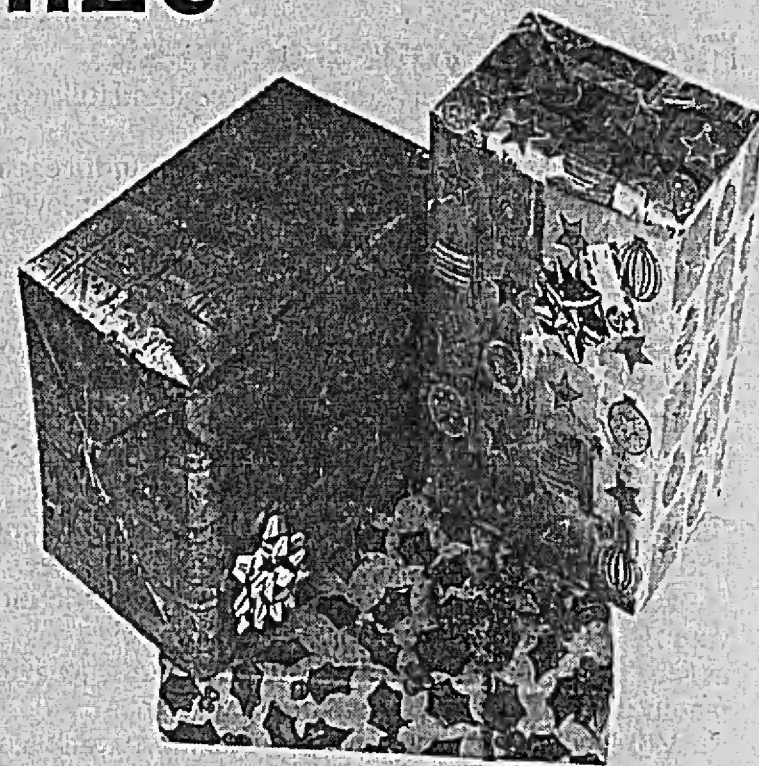
Stickers - Seasonal stickers are a fun way to decorate plain gift bags, tags, or to close cello bagged gifts.

Tags - Beautiful tags are a lovely touch. However, they can sometimes come off and get lost. Try the stick-on types when mailing gifts or for large gatherings when the tag could be inadvertently detached. To and from information can also be written on top of the gift (on the wrapping paper) or on the ends of the ribbon tie. Or, glue or tape the greeting card right to the top of the box.

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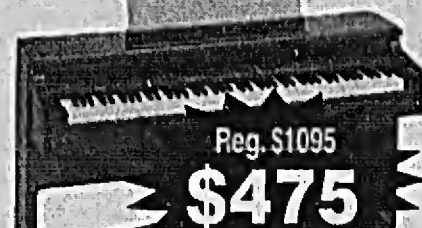


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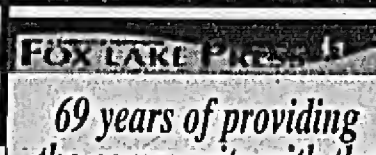
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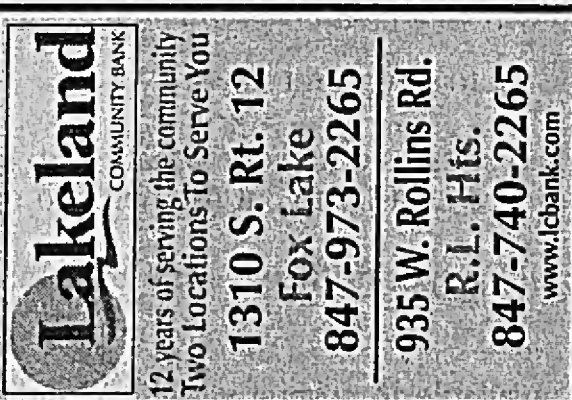


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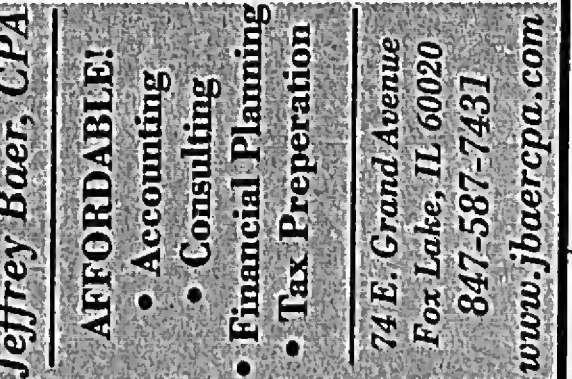
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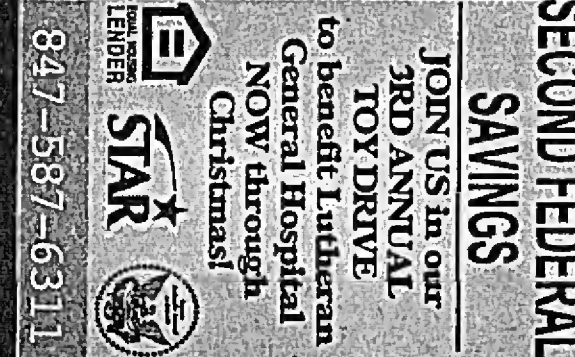
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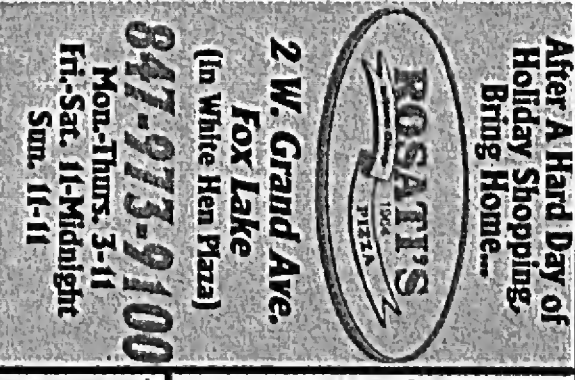
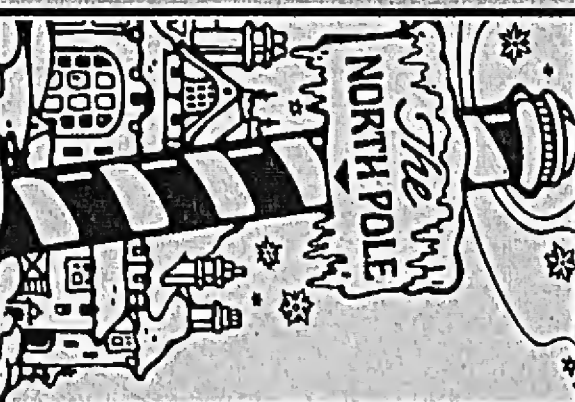
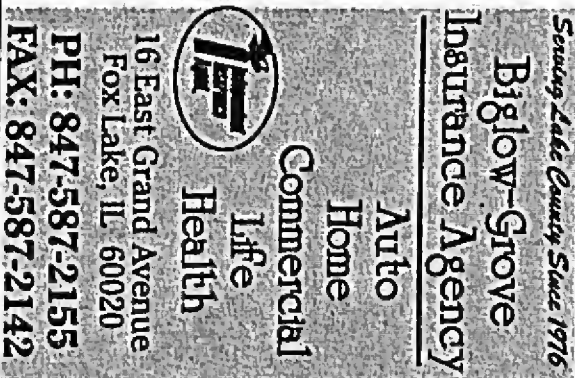
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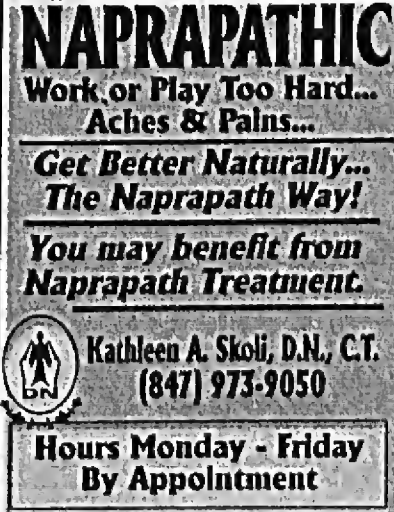
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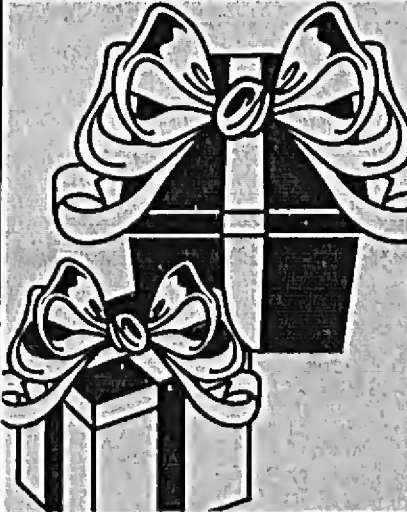
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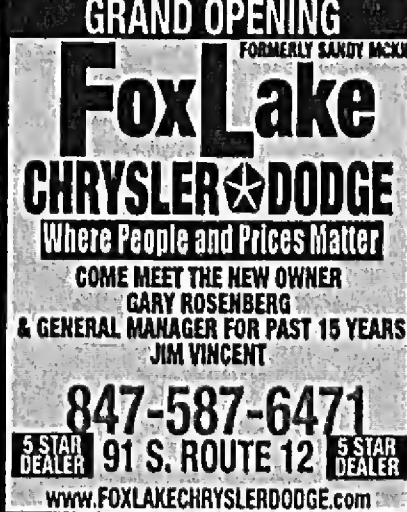
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You will need:

1. 9" white willow wreath
2. One small, dried bundle of the following:
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parsley, rosemary, chive flower heads
3. 30 dried red chili peppers
4. 24-gauge green wire
5. Fishing line, 6 pound strength or stronger
6. 4 strands natural raffia
7. Miscellaneous items: scissors,
hot glue gun, glue stick

• Cut two 12" lengths of wire and string red peppers onto each length. Bunch the wired peppers together and wrap the bunch onto the wreath using additional wire as needed.

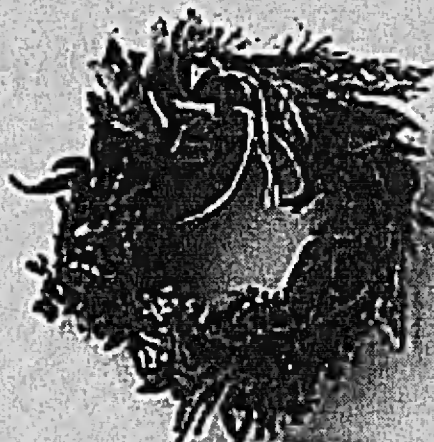
• Cut a 2 yd. length of fishing line and tie the end onto the back of the wreath.

• Place one bundle of herbs on the front of the wreath, beside the peppers. Wrap the fishing line around the bundle and the wreath once or twice to secure.

• Place the leafy portion of the next bundle over the stems of the previous bundle. Repeat until the ring is complete. Note: To make your wreath look balanced, evenly distribute the brightly-colored herbs and bushy herb bundles.

• Tie the end of the fishing line onto the back of the wreath and trim off the excess.

• Tie the strands of raffia into a bow at the top of the wreath.



Pull off the herbs and add them to soups and stews.

Variations:

• Tie a small pair of kitchen scissors onto your wreath with a ribbon. This is a nice accent and makes it easier to cut the herbs to use while you're cooking.

• Design an herb wreath with a specific theme. Here are some suggestions:

1. Italian wreath: basil (available in several varieties), garlic cloves, oregano, peppercorns, red peppers

2. Mexican wreath: different varieties of chili peppers with clusters of cilantro placed between each

3. Tea wreath: anise, chamomile, cloves, dandelion, dried lemon wedges, lemon-grass, mint, raspberry leaf

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Decorating for Christmas

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Wreathed Stairs - Instead of a traditional garland, hang several wreaths up the stairs, spacing them evenly along the length of the railing.

Netting Swags - Swag a length of tulle, netting, or metallic sheer fabric up your stairs. Measure first by looping a string to determine how much yardage to purchase. Decorate each swag with a handful of fresh or artificial greens, wired ornaments, or bows. Or, roll a length of cool burning Christmas lights inside netting for a lacy look.

Door Swags - Use door swags, arches, or bunches of greens, evenly spaced along the railings.

Ribbon Trio - Using three sizes (small, medium, and wide) of ribbons can add a fresh look to your stairs. Try a wide wired velvet with a sparkly metallic and a small beaded garland. At each attaching point fasten a bow or bundle of ornaments.

Beaded Fruit - Gather clusters of beaded fruit with ribbons and twigs. Tie these to the banisters about every 3 feet.

Potted Plants - If your stairs are wide you might decorate the stair treads with small potted poinsettias, topiaries, small cedar trees, or other plants. Decorate each with a bow.

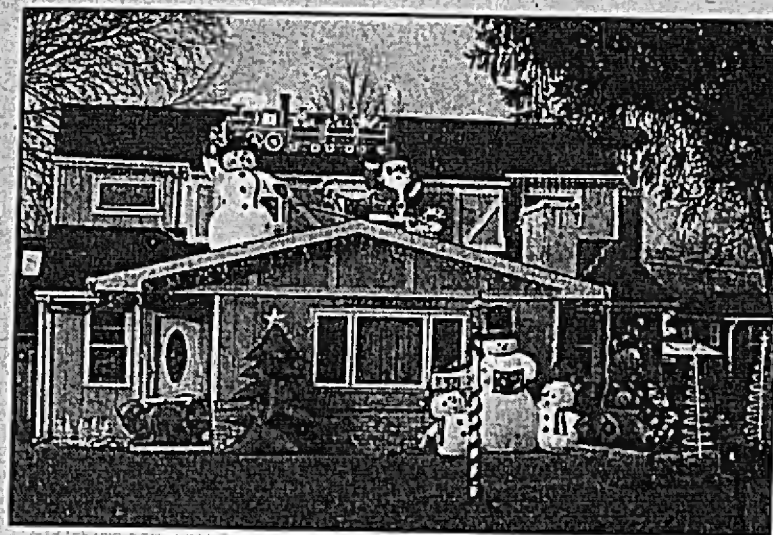
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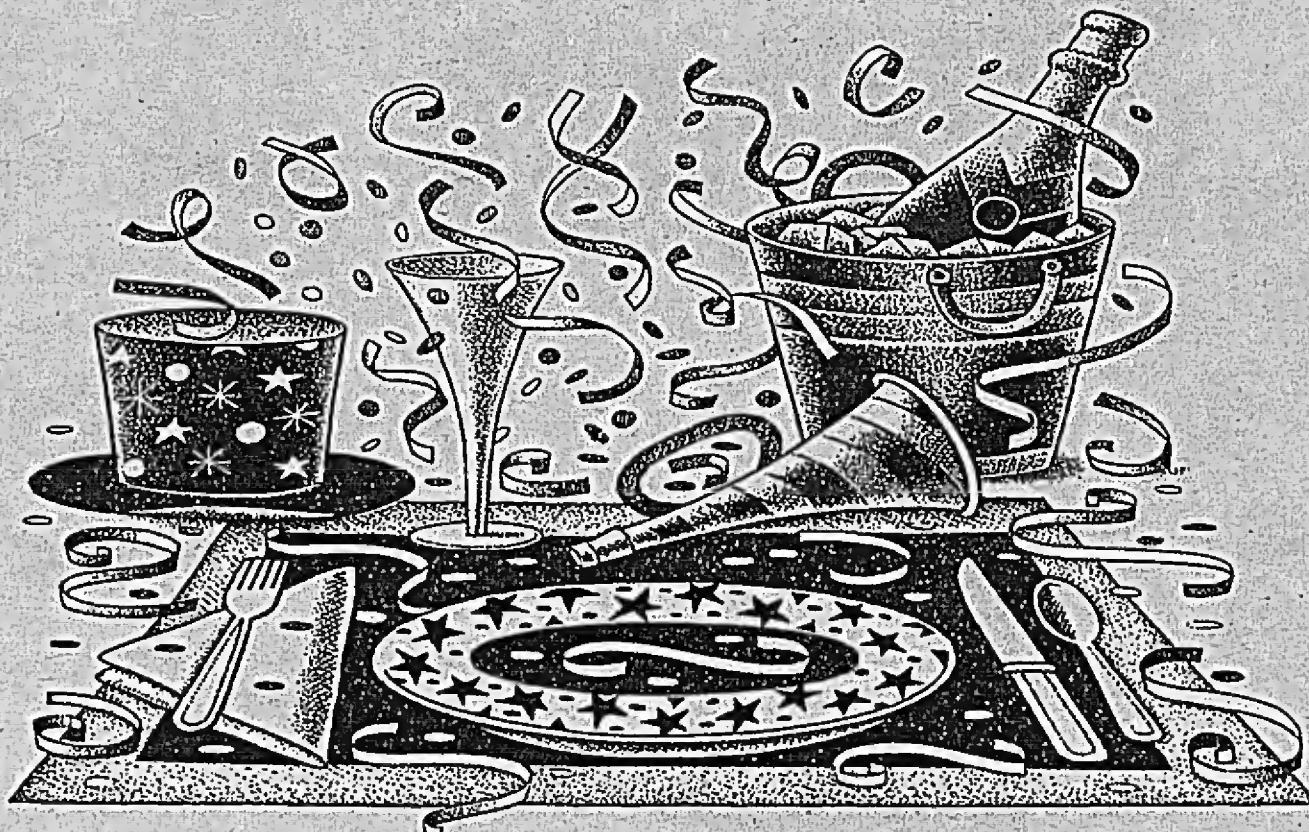
Choose finger snacks carefully. Choose foods that complement each other. Try setting a theme for the food in each room or on each table. Allow 4 to 6 hot hors d'oeuvres per person. Don't serve gooey, drippy sauces near expensive rugs or furniture.

Invitations

Written invites are a great idea. Try to make them fun and different. Use personality but don't forget the basics like: hours. Tell guests when the party starts and when it will end. Specify the hour in advance to avoid confusion. Let guests know what kind of attire is appropriate. If anticipating a semi-formal gathering, let them know.

Liquor

If guests are expected to bring their own booze, let them know in the invitation. If serving alcohol, don't forget the ice. One can never have too much ice at a party. Use quality ice for the best tasting mixed drinks. Add fresh fruit to the shopping list. Limes, Lemons and Oranges should be sliced in advance. Consider making two punch bowls; one with booze and one without for non-imbibing guests. Remember, the host is responsible for the safety of guests, so do not encourage excessive drinking.



Smoking

If the party is being held in a non-smoking household try to make accommodations for smokers. A room with a fan blowing out is a nice thought. If you do not have a place for smokers let them know in advance that the party is held in a non-smoking household. Guest Books Providing a guest book can be much fun and help make the party memorable. Don't be afraid to put out a guest book and invite guests to sign-in as they arrive.

Atmosphere

Create a festive party atmosphere with

decorations, scents and music. Having a dinner party or a Christmas party for your coworkers? Try out some Creative Place Card Ideas. Use scented candles or simmer a pot of water with cinnamon and citrus fruit to fill the house with a delightful aroma. Choose your favorite music and have it playing softly in the background when guests arrive. Consider unplugging or removing your television if it's located in the party area. Nothing spoils the interaction of guests quicker than a group of people huddled around a television set.

Lighting

Creative lighting will contribute much to the atmosphere. Try replacing some bulbs



with colored lamps or low wattage bulbs. Parking Try to make provisions for parking in advance. If you will be allowing guests to park on the lawn or in the back yard, let them know in your invitation. Ask neighbors about parking options or warn them that guests will be parking on the street.

Gifts

It's always a good idea to bring a small gift to a party even if the host or hostess instructs you not to in the invitation. Bring along a bottle of wine, some flowers, or chocolates to show your appreciation.

Coffee & Snacks

You can never have too much food at a party. Be sure to have plenty of hot coffee and snacks on hand for late in the evening. Now that the work is done, relax! Let your guests enjoy themselves. With the proper ingredients in place everyone should have a great time. With good food, good cheer and good friends you can't miss! Party hearty and have fun. Make room for guests who have had too much to eat or drink. Don't let a guest who over drinks drive; it could save a life and it could save YOU from a lawsuit.*—Text courtesy of www.vtliving.com

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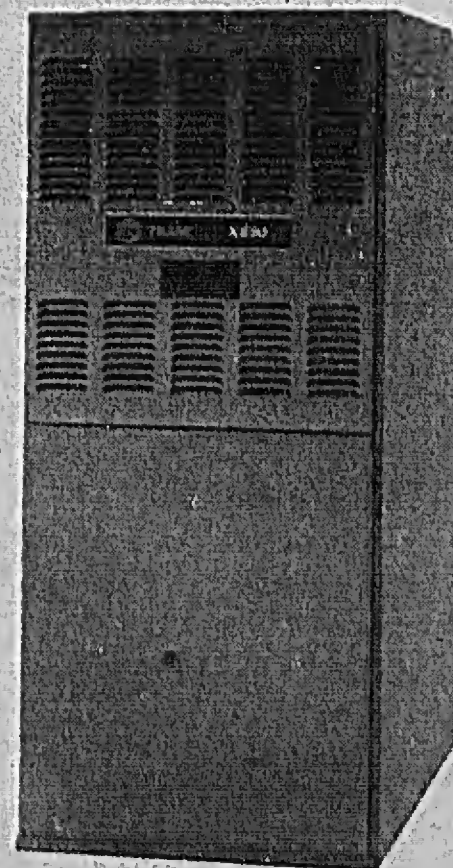
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